

## MEMO TO INTERESTED PARTIES

**From:** Ian Sams, Special Assistant to the President and WH Oversight Spokesperson  
**To:** Interested Parties  
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**Re:** Debunking House Republicans' False Allegations of "Obstruction" and "Stonewalling"

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Extreme House Republicans have spent the entire year investigating President Biden, and over and over again, they have failed to turn up any evidence of wrongdoing. In fact, their own witnesses and documents have time after time debunked their false allegations.

Faced with this level of ["failure theater,"](#) these same extreme House Republicans now appear to be trying to invent claims of "obstruction" and "stonewalling" to rationalize their illegitimate so-called "impeachment inquiry." Some House Republicans are even [leaning](#) on these false claims as a predicate to vote to formally authorize such an inquiry.

The problem: Claims of "obstruction" and "stonewalling" are easily refuted by the facts.

Those House Republicans don't have to simply take our word for it: They should listen to comments from their own colleagues, such as Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer who has bragged on TV that he has received ["100% of what we've requested"](#) and even said ["we're in the downhill phase of this investigation now because we have so many documents."](#)

As the [Washington Post reported this week](#), "So far, the Biden administration has largely cooperated with the House GOP's various oversight efforts."

As House Republicans gather today for a ["policy conference"](#) to be updated on this failing fishing expedition, let's take a closer look at the mountain of information they have received in their yearlong fishing expedition:

### ***COOPERATION WITH THE HOUSE GOP BIDEN 'PROBE,' BY THE NUMBERS***

Throughout their investigation of the President, House Republicans have had access to:

- More than 35,000 pages of private financial records
- More than 2,000 pages of Treasury Department financial reports
- At least 36 hours of witness interviews and testimony, including from:
  - Justice Department Special Counsel David Weiss – the first time a special counsel has testified during an ongoing investigation
  - Attorney General Merrick Garland
  - FBI Director Chris Wray
  - Three FBI agents
  - Two U.S. Attorneys
  - The head of the DOJ Tax Division
  - Two IRS supervisory officials
  - The National Archives general counsel; and,
  - Multiple private individuals, including former business associates of Hunter Biden
- Thousands of Vice Presidential-era records released by the National Archives

- Documents (including highly sensitive materials rarely provided to Congress) and witnesses (including non-partisan law enforcement officials involved in an ongoing investigation) from:
  - FBI, DOJ, Treasury, IRS, the National Archives, and private individuals
- Senate Republicans' material in their 2020 investigation of the same issues includes:
  - At least 36,000 pages of documents
  - At least 50 hours of witness interviews, including now-Secretary of State Antony Blinken and other senior officials

### ***HOUSE REPUBLICANS HAVE EVEN REFUSED OFFERS TO COOPERATE***

For months, the White House has sent letters to Comer and Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan offering to meet or talk further about informational needs, yet Comer and Jordan have repeatedly refused to engage.

Additionally, some House Republicans this week have pointed to a notable offer for public testimony by the President's son, Hunter, as somehow an example of "stonewalling."

That is despite the fact that Comer previously stated that witnesses can do depositions or hearings, "[whichever they choose](#)," and [multiple leading Republicans](#) in Congress, including senior members of House GOP leadership, have already professed their support for this public testimony.

### ***NOT FINDING WHAT THEY HOPED TO UNCOVER IS NOT EVIDENCE OF "OBSTRUCTION"***

Clearly, there has been no "stonewalling." Despite receiving this significant volume of material, House Republicans have just failed to turn up any evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden – but plenty of evidence debunking their claims.

This impeachment stunt is illegitimate, based on nothing, and shows that extreme House Republicans are willing to stop at nothing to smear the President despite failing to have the facts on their side.