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The primary mission of the Judiciary Committee and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government in the 118th Congress has been to protect and strengthen the fundamental rights of American citizens. We should be proud of what we have accomplished over the past nineteen months. Together, we have uncovered executive branch misconduct and achieved real results for our constituents.

Our committee has been among the most active in the House in the 118th Congress. We've sent 950-plus letters to agencies and individuals and we've issued over 100 subpoenas. We've received upwards of 4.8 million pages of documents in response to our oversight. We've taken testimony in transcribed interviews and depositions from 139 people. We heard from witnesses—federal officials, concerned citizens, and whistleblowers—in almost 100 hearings. With this fact-finding, we've issued 32 reports detailing findings and advanced over 70 bills through committee and more than 50 to the House floor.

As we conclude this work period, it's worth recognizing all that we've achieved in the Committee and Select Subcommittee's work.

A. Protecting free speech and the First Amendment.

The First Amendment is first for a reason. Our country has seen a dangerous trend in recent years—and especially during the Biden-Harris Administration—of governmental effort to censor speech in the name of protecting from mis-, dis-, or malinformation. The Committee and Select Subcommittee have aggressively fought these efforts.

- **Revealed the extent of the censorship-industrial complex, leading universities and other entities to shut down so-called “disinformation” research.** We have investigated the executive branch's coordination with social media companies to censor speech online. Due to our oversight, for some time, federal agencies stopped communicating with Big Tech and some companies have been slow to re-engage in any information sharing. In a Supreme Court dissent, Justices Alito, Thomas, and Gorsuch wrote that the Committee

and Select Subcommittee proved that the Biden-Harris White House “engaged in a covert scheme of censorship” that was “blatantly unconstitutional” and, because of the Committee’s and Select Subcommittee’s investigation, “we now know that valuable speech was . . . suppressed.”

- **Led Mark Zuckerberg to admit that Facebook censored Americans after pressure from the Biden-Harris Administration.** We first published the “Facebook Files” after obtaining key internal Meta documents that uncovered the Biden-Harris Administration’s censorship campaign. Following the threat of criminal contempt from the Committee in late July 2023, Meta turned over troves of internal emails and texts that showed that the Biden-Harris White House pressured the company to censor true information, humor, and opinions. In addition, we published the “YouTube Files” and the “Amazon Files” showing a similar censorship pressure campaign by the Biden-Harris White House against those companies during 2021.
- **Caused the dissolution of the Stanford Internet Observatory.** Following the threat of criminal contempt, Stanford University reluctantly turned over the Jira ticket data from the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP). With this information, the Committee and Select Subcommittee released a report showing how the EIP, created “at the request of” DHS, targeted thousands of American posts with specific recommendations to Big Tech on how to censor the posts.
- **Caused the dissolution of the Global Alliance for Responsible Media (GARM), which was colluding to stop advertising on conservative platforms.** In July 2024, the Committee released a report showing how GARM members colluded to boycott and demonetize conservative voices. After this report, GARM was disbanded and GroupM, a key member of GARM, removed its CEO. Our oversight exposed what one company called the “coordinated boycott of media platforms perceived to be unfashionable by illiberal liberals.”
- **Uncovered how foreign governments, including Brazil and the European Union, pressured American companies to censor U.S. citizens and residents.** Through subpoenas to X and Rumble, we obtained dozens of Brazilian judicial orders demanding the censorship of nearly 150 accounts, including U.S. residents, while the Biden-Harris Administration stood silently on the censorship threats. The Committee and Select Subcommittee also wrote to European Union Commissioner Thierry Breton after his public threats to Elon Musk before Musk’s interview of President Trump on X. After we put a light on his threats of censorship, Breton resigned from his position. Informed by our oversight, we passed a bill out of Committee to make foreign censors of speech inadmissible to, and deportable from, the United States.
- **Exposed how the FBI worked with the Ukrainian intelligence community to censor Americans’ speech.** Based on documents obtained from social media companies, the Committee and Select Subcommittee issued a report detailing how the FBI facilitated

requests by the Ukrainian government to censor certain speech of American citizens about the Ukrainian-Russian war.

- **Passed H.R. 4848, the Censorship Accountability Act, out of committee.** Our oversight uncovered evidence of widespread efforts by the executive branch to censor the lawful speech of ordinary Americans. Informed by this oversight, we passed the Censorship Accountability Act, modeled on section 1983, to provide a civil cause of action to hold accountable federal officials who engage in censorship.

B. Securing the border and highlighting the consequences of open borders.

On day one, President Biden and border czar Vice President Harris reversed the successful immigration policies in place under President Trump. The predictable result has been a surge of illegal immigration into the country, incentivized by open-border policies that release illegal aliens—including dangerous criminal aliens—in the country with no oversight. The Committee has made the Biden-Harris border crisis a key focus of our oversight.

- **Passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, through the House.** The Committee, together with the Homeland Security Committee, advanced the strongest immigration bill to ever pass the House. The Biden-Harris border crisis has wreaked havoc in communities across the country, making every state a border state. H.R. 2 would reverse the open-border policies of the Biden-Harris Administration that have allowed illegal aliens, terrorists, and fentanyl to pour into the United States unchecked.
- **Moved bills to close various immigration loopholes.** The Committee has advanced a number of bills to close loopholes exploited by the Biden-Harris Administration to keep criminal aliens in the United States. These include mandating the detention and deportation of illegal aliens who assault law enforcement officers, commit robbery, commit domestic violence offenses, and engage in terrorist activities.
- **Highlighted the dangers of the Biden-Harris open-border policies.** The Committee has held field hearings in communities across the country to hear from Americans directly affected by the border crisis. We've obtained non-public information about dangerous criminal aliens, showing how they exploit the Administration's open-border policies to terrorize American communities. The Committee's efforts revealed that the Administration also allowed 99 people on the terrorist watchlist to enter the country.

C. Addressing rising crime in major urban areas.

All Americans have a right to be safe in their homes and communities. In Democrat-run jurisdictions around the country, rogue prosecutors and far-left policymakers are focusing on pro-criminal policies, putting criminals out on the streets instead of in jail.

- **Beat Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg in court to force the deposition of a top prosecutor.** After Bragg sued the Committee to stop its deposition of former special

assistant district attorney Mark Pomerantz, a federal court held that the Committee had a valid legislative purpose for its investigation. The Committee subsequently used the deposition and other witness testimony to detail how Bragg's prosecution is politically motivated and violates the constitutional rights of President Trump.

- **Highlighted pro-criminal policies and rogue prosecutors hurting public safety.** The Committee convened hearings in Manhattan, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. to hear from local residents, victims, and law enforcement professionals affected by the Biden-Harris crime epidemic.

D. Exposing and addressing the weaponization of federal law enforcement and intelligence community.

A foremost priority for the Conference in the 118th Congress has been to address the weaponization of the federal government. With the creation of a select subcommittee for that purpose, we have achieved results.

- **Uncovered and stopped the FBI's plan to target Catholic Americans because of their religious views.** Based on whistleblower disclosures, the Committee subpoenaed documents revealing that the FBI sought to develop sources among church leadership, including interviewing a priest and a choir director, to inform on Americans practicing their Catholic faith. After the Committee threatened contempt, the FBI produced documents that showed the FBI's intrusion on Americans' First Amendment rights was not limited to "a single field office" and that multiple field offices were involved. The FBI apologized for this misconduct and said it made changes to protect civil liberties.
- **Revealed the FBI's abuse of its security clearance adjudication process to target whistleblowers and got one whistleblower's security clearance reinstated.** Based on whistleblower disclosures, the Committee and Select Subcommittee have investigated how the FBI has used its security clearance adjudication process to "purge" its ranks of conservatives and whistleblowers. In particular, at a May 2023 Select Subcommittee hearing, Marcus Allen—a combat military veteran, FBI Staff Operations Specialist, and whistleblower—testified how the FBI revoked his security clearance and questioned his allegiance to the United States for simply doing his job. Recently, the FBI reinstated Allen's clearance, admitting it was wrong to suspend him in the first place. The Justice Department's Inspector General testified this week about the FBI's abuses.
- **Forced the Justice Department to stop its preferential treatment of Hunter Biden.** In the spring of 2023, two brave IRS whistleblowers stepped forward to notify Congress of how the Biden-Harris Justice Department had impeded, delayed, and obstructed the criminal investigation of the President's son, Hunter Biden. When forced to act in light of the whistleblowers' testimony and the Committee's oversight, the Biden-Harris Justice Department worked with Hunter Biden's counsel to craft an unprecedented sweetheart plea deal. As a result of public attention on this plea deal, a federal judge rejected the Department's attempt to quietly end the five-year investigation of Hunter Biden and

Attorney General Garland appointed Delaware U.S. Attorney David Weiss as special counsel. If not for the whistleblowers and the Committee's oversight of the Justice Department, Hunter Biden would never have faced this level of accountability.

- **Pushed the Justice Department to enforce the FACE Act against anti-life fanatics.** Following the unprecedented May 2022 leak of the draft *Dobbs* opinion, Committee Republicans began investigating the Biden-Harris Justice Department's uneven enforcement of the FACE Act to protect anti-life activists while failing to prosecute harassment and intimidation of pro-life advocates. On January 11, 2023, House Republicans passed a resolution condemning the violence and calling for action. Eight days later, the FBI offered a reward for information on attacks against pro-life facilities and has since begun to investigate FACE Act violations perpetrated by anti-life activists.
- **Stopped IRS harassment of American taxpayers in their homes.** Following an unannounced visit by IRS agents to journalist Matt Taibbi's home while he testified before the Select Subcommittee, the Committee learned that the IRS had compiled a dossier of private information about him. At the same time, the Committee learned that an IRS agent misled an Ohio taxpayer in order to enter her home and harass her about a tax bill. Due to our revelation of these abusive tactics, the IRS repealed its policy of permitting unannounced field visits to taxpayers' homes.
- **Pressured the Justice Department to change its internal policies to constrain subpoenas for Legislative Branch communications.** After the Committee learned that the Justice Department had subpoenaed telecommunications providers for private communications of legislative staff, who at the time were engaged in oversight of the Department, the Committee requested documents and information about the Department's attempts to surveil Members of Congress and congressional staff members. Eight days later, the Department informed the Committee of "a change to the Department of Justice's policies and procedures" to better respect the separation of powers.
- **Revealed how the Biden-Harris Justice Department "manufactured" a problem to target parents at school board meetings with no legitimate law-enforcement basis.** The Committee investigated the Biden-Harris Administration's misuse of federal law-enforcement and counterterrorism resources against parents voicing concerns about controversial policies at local school board meetings. With internal Justice Department documents, we issued a report showing there was no legitimate basis for the Attorney General's directive to insert federal law enforcement into local school board matters and that the directive was "very poorly received" by local law enforcement partners.
- **Uncovered how federal law enforcement commandeered financial institutions to spy on Americans.** Whistleblower disclosures and internal documents from seven financial institutions showed how, following January 6, 2021, federal law enforcement officials initiated multiple discussions with financial institutions about how to share customer information with federal law enforcement outside of normal legal processes. Based on these documents, the Committee and Select Subcommittee issued a report showing a

pattern of financial surveillance aimed at millions of Americans who hold conservative viewpoints or simply exercise their Second Amendment rights.

- **Highlighted the scandal that tainted the Biden-Harris Administration's site-selection process for a new FBI headquarters.** With the Oversight Committee, we examined how the Biden-Harris Administration unilaterally chose Greenbelt, Maryland, as the new site for the FBI headquarters, reversing an earlier decision of a three-person panel to select a different site. We revealed how a senior GSA political appointee's prior employment with the owner of the Greenbelt location created a conflict of interest inherent in her decision to override the panel. The Committee worked with other committees of jurisdiction to insert accountability into the headquarters project, and proposed an alternative location at an existing FBI facility in Alabama.
- **Exposed how the Biden campaign colluded with the intelligence community to falsely discredit allegations about Biden family influence peddling.** Along with the Intelligence Committee, we conducted aggressive oversight of the infamous "IC 51"—the 51 former Intelligence Community officials who signed a public statement discrediting the Hunter Biden laptop story as "Russian disinformation." We revealed how the statement was the result of outreach from Antony Blinken, a senior Biden campaign advisor, to Michael Morell, with the stated goal of giving Joe Biden a "talking point" to use against President Trump. The Committee also revealed connections between the signatories of the statement and the CIA, including that the CIA had a draft of the statement in advance of its publication, that CIA leadership approved the statement, and that some of the signatories of the statement were on active contract with the CIA.
- **Helped to pass H.R. 7888, the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act.** Working with our colleagues in the Conference, the Committee secured significant reforms in the reauthorization of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. This bill reduced the number of officials who can query the 702 database, imposed new penalties for misconduct, and increased oversight by providing for congressional access to Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court proceedings. Because of the Committee's efforts, the House took an historic vote on requiring warrants for 702 database searches of U.S. Persons that ended in a tie. The Committee also secured floor consideration and ultimately the passage of the Fourth Amendment is Not For Sale Act, which requires law enforcement to obtain a warrant before accessing certain commercially available data on U.S. Persons.
- **Used the appropriations process to achieve results.** The Committee has worked with the Appropriations Committee to advance policy riders that address the weaponization of the federal government. In the Fiscal Year 2024 Commerce, Justice, and Science bill, the Committee secured riders that would prevent the FBI from retaliating against whistleblowers who inform Congress of waste, fraud, and abuse, and require the recording of interviews.

E. Reining in the out-of-control administrative state and promoting free markets.

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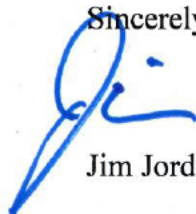
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Democrats try to use all tools at their disposal to impose far-left policies. The Committee has been successful in identifying and pushing back on these efforts.

- **Uncovered the FTC's harassment of Elon Musk's Twitter following his acquisition of the company.** The Committee and Select Subcommittee obtained dozens of letters from the FTC to Elon Musk's Twitter starting around the time Musk acquired the social media platform in late fall 2022. The letters contained hundreds of demands, including some that targeted the Twitter Files journalists by name. The FTC eventually found that the Twitter Files did not violate the existing FTC order.
- **Revealed the extent of ESG collusion among asset managers and caused at least 63 members of Climate Action 100+ to leave the group to date.** The Committee has aggressively investigated ESG collusion via Climate Action 100+. The Committee released a report and held a hearing explaining how the Climate Cartel colluded to force American companies to decarbonize and reach net zero by reducing the production and use of affordable American energy. The Committee sent requests for information to over 130 United States-based members of Climate Action 100+. Since the Committee began its investigation, at least 63 investors have left Climate Action 100+, including State Street, Blackrock, JP Morgan Chase, and Goldman Sachs.
- **Revealed potentially anticompetitive practices by Formula One, leading the Justice Department to open an antitrust investigation.** The Committee requested documents and information from Formula One regarding its refusal to grant entry to Andretti Formula Racing. Following the Committee's letter, Liberty Media, which owns Formula One, announced in a government filing that the Justice Department opened an antitrust investigation examining Formula One's conduct in this matter.
- **Uncovered mismanagement, abuse, and waste at the FTC.** The Committee demanded and received documents from career FTC managers and conducted transcribed interviews of five antitrust lawyers at the FTC. The Committee released a report describing FTC Chair Lina Khan's mismanagement, including mistreatment of career staff and systemic bottlenecks that weaken antitrust enforcement.

We could not have accomplished all of this without you. Thank you for your many contributions to our oversight and our legislative accomplishments. We have a great deal to be proud of and real results to show for our work.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan