

# Hunter Biden special treatment – and attempted sabotage

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Hunter Biden definitely seems to be getting special treatment. We now learn, for example, that now Special Counsel David Weiss once threatened to turn on those who blew the whistle on that special treatment. Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, already busy investigating government ensorship of (and through) social media, is now paying attention. Whether he is sincerely and righteously angry, or merely trying to make a name for himself, doesn't matter. What matters is that Hunter Biden and his protectors are going to find his attention singularly unwelcome. And someone on Judiciary Committee staff knows it – because someone tried to hide four key subpoena cover letters.

## The Hunter Biden Saga

Hunter Biden has been more than a prodigal son to his father, President Joe Biden. All his adult life he seems to have benefited financially from his father's offices – Senator, Vice President, and President. Then one fine day he left his laptop computer in an ordinary repair shop. Had the information on it consisted solely of off-color photographs of himself and numerous scantily clad paramours, that would have been embarrassing enough. But the information was worse – much worse. So bad, in fact, that nearly the entire U.S. intelligence community – who had by then handpicked Biden to overthrow Trump – conspired to dismiss it as “a Russian hack and drop job.” That we found out in the first Twitter Files installment, and a later one specific to the laptop story.

The special treatment Hunter Biden has always gotten from David Weiss, United States Attorney for Delaware, is a separate matter. He was going to “cop a plea” to late payment of taxes and possession of a gun while using drugs. That plea deal blew up when the judge asked the prosecutor straight-out whether the deal was letting Biden off. Weiss blinked,

Hunter's lawyers cried "Foul!" and the judge then said the deal was off. More recently, Rep. Dan Goldman (D-N.Y.) admitted, perhaps inadvertently, that Attorney General Merrick Garland was trying to prevent a returning President Trump from prosecuting Hunter Biden.


Such is the background, against which several developments broke this last weekend.

## Latest developments

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That an at least partial conservative like Stephen L. Miller could get an op-ed published in *Newsweek*, is a miracle. He laid out how the legacy media treated the saga of Hunter Biden and his wrongdoings. First, they said it's a lie. Second, they said so what, everybody does it (or maybe that it doesn't matter). And now they insist that Trump is worse, Trump is worse. Yesterday the House Judiciary Committee shared this piece with the X world:

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 MUST READ: A Guide to How the Liberal Media Moved the Goalposts on Hunter Biden's Scandals <https://t.co/nr78zzLElv>— House Judiciary GOP 🇺🇸 (@JudiciaryGOP) August 21, 2023

But last Sunday (August 20) came a worse development. Jason Foster was once Chief Investigative Counsel for the *Senate* Judiciary Committee (when Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, ran it). Now he runs Empower Oversight, and apparently is defending IRS Agent Gary Shapley, one of two "whistleblowers." On Sunday, he shared this dire statement:

More chilling threats against our client. @nytimes again reporting Biden family attorneys lobbying @TheJusticeDept to prosecute IRS #whistleblowers instead of the President's son. <https://t.co/RhmAUUnYRBn> [pic.twitter.com/dYJSszaSW3](https://pic.twitter.com/dYJSszaSW3)— Jason Foster (@JsnFostr) August 20, 2023

Chairman Jordan quoted that post and added a scathing comment of his own:

But for the brave IRS whistleblowers, Hunter Biden would have gotten an even better sweetheart deal.

And what's even worse, is that Biden attorneys wanted to prosecute the whistleblowers for speaking up.

It's about intimidation. <https://t.co/aLwK9THbPE>— Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim\_Jordan) August 21, 2023

After that, the House Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees issued a new round of subpoenas.

#NEWS: @JudiciaryGOP & @WaysandMeansGOP Issue Subpoenas Compelling Witness Testimony on Political Interference and Preferential Treatment in Hunter Biden Investigation <https://t.co/6V54yIL7mS>— House Judiciary GOP 🇺🇸 (@JudiciaryGOP) August 21, 2023

Letter to Batdorf: <https://t.co/maNhuRtKIX>

Letter to Waldon: <https://t.co/8buck4vzBZ>

Letter to Sobocinski: <https://t.co/yJFG7vvLJs>

Letter to Holley: <https://t.co/kOrPgl1D0l>— House Judiciary GOP 🇺🇸 (@JudiciaryGOP) August 21, 2023

Today, we subpoenaed officials present at or with direct knowledge of a meeting in which now-Special Counsel David Weiss allegedly claimed he was prevented from seeking charges against Hunter Biden for tax crimes. <https://t.co/wWH1Otlz1a>— Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim\_Jordan) August 21, 2023

As if that weren't enough, Rep. James Comer's (R-Ky.) House *Oversight* Committee sent this letter to Michael Horowitz, Inspector General of the Justice Department, demanding to know:

- Whether and in what manner Mr. Horowitz is investigating the allegations Mr. Shapley and his IRS colleague have made, and
- Whether and with what degree of success the Justice Department is hindering that investigation.

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Our committee, along with @JudiciaryGOP & @WaysandMeansGOP, is seeking info from the DOJ OIG to understand whether the Biden DOJ is hindering the IG's efforts to investigate the serious allegations made by IRS whistleblowers.

Read our letter to IG Michael Horowitz  [pic.twitter.com/aylHEv3anF](https://pic.twitter.com/aylHEv3anF)— Oversight Committee (@GOPoversight) August 22, 2023

## Missing letters

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Now CNAV must report a strange finding. At roughly 4:30 p.m. EDT, *none of the four Judiciary and Ways and Means Committee letters were available on the Judiciary Committee site*. All four links resolved to a not-found message, whether in the X post or in the Judiciary Committee press release.

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The Wayback Machine archived three of them exactly once each. Here are their respective links:

- [Michael Batdorf](#), Director of Field Operations, IRS (Archive time: 2:13 p.m. EDT)
- [Darrell J. Waldon](#), Special Agent in Charge, IRS Headquarters (Archive time: 2:15 p.m. EDT)
- [Ryeshia Holley](#), Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Field Office, FBI (Archive time: 2:17 p.m. EDT)

The letter to Thomas J. Sobocinski, Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Field Office, FBI, had *not* undergone archiving. CNAV reached out to the House Judiciary Committee to alert them to the missing letter and asked for comment. In our note, CNAV spoke frankly of the possibility of sabotage.

Then at 8:15 p.m. EDT, *all four letters were back where they were supposed to be*. But the letter to Mr. Sobocinski still had not undergone archiving. Accordingly, CNAV ordered the archiving. Here is the link:

[Thomas J. Sobocinski](#), Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Field Office, FBI. (Archive time: 8:45 p.m. EDT).

And here are the letters themselves, in the proper order:

## **Special treatment for Hunter Biden**

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Those letters tell a story of non-cooperation with Congressional oversight, on the part of the IRS. And the FBI. All the letters refer to the Hunter Biden plea deal that blew up. This happened in the middle of negotiations for the four to give depositions. The four targets of the letters have unique information, in which Congress is most interested. And because the Justice Department, the FBI, and the IRS were stalling, Jordan and his friends must insist.

What is more interesting still is: *who removed those letters from their original places on a Judicial Committee server? And who gave the order? Was it, perhaps, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee? The letters reappeared in their original places – after CNAV notified Committee staff that they were missing. Whoever made those letters disappear, hastily made them *reappear* within hours. The disappearance happened after 2:17 p.m. EDT, as one can infer from the archive timestamps.*

This is yet another mystery, to which Chairman Jordan might not even be paying attention. It only goes to show how sensitive this investigation has now become.

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