

Treasury Department Refuses to Turn Over Hunter Biden Records to Oversight Committee



Chair Janet Yellen presents the Monetary Policy Report to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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House Oversight Committee Republicans are determined to find out why hundreds of Biden family overseas transactions were flagged as “suspicious” by U.S. banks and forwarded to law enforcement.

They’re not getting any help from Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

Earlier this month, House Oversight and Accountability Committee Chair Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., wrote a letter to Secretary Yellen requesting information on the suspicious business transactions between the Biden family and their foreign associates flagged by U.S. banks. (RELATED: Joe Biden Named in Email Discussing Multibillion-Dollar Deal With China: Report)

According to a Jan. 11 Oversight Committee press release, Comer wants to review the more than 150 suspicious activity reports (SARs) “to determine if there is illegal activity or a threat to national security.”

Historically, the Treasury Department has provided SARs to Congress without complaint. Yet the Biden administration has restricted access to these ones, raising eyebrows and questions.

Comer ensured Yellen knew the investigation was “a top priority for House Republicans in the 118th Congress.”

On Thursday, Treasury’s Legislative Affairs chief responded, effectively telling Comer to get lost and that Treasury would need more details as to why the committee would need such “highly sensitive” information. (RELATED: Republican Governor Blames Jan. 6 Panel After Phone Gets Hacked)

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The response may have come from Jonathan Davidson, but you can rest assured that he wouldn’t make that sort of decision without Janet Yellen signing off on it. And it’s a safe bet that the President was flagged in advance as well.

It’s also fairly obvious that the Treasury was scrambling to come up with some sort of rationale to block the Oversight committee from conducting, well... oversight. The best they were able to come up with was a claim that the “improper disclosure” of those types of records might “undermine the executive branch’s conduct of law enforcement, intelligence, and national security activities.”

I’m sorry, but... what? What are they talking about? The records in question involve Hunter Biden. He holds no elected office and has no responsibilities involving law enforcement, the intelligence community, or anything to do with national security. (Aside from possibly having undermined national security with some of his shady deals.)

Or at least his records shouldn’t involve anything like that unless some of the transactions showed significant payments to his father. Is that what Yellen is sitting on? If any potential records include all of the data related to suspiciously large transactions, it might potentially involve that joint bank account that Hunter and Joe Biden shared, as testified to by one of Hunter’s business partners.

One thing is for sure, don’t expect Comer to sit idly by as Treasury obstructs the congressional oversight process.

