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The Honorable Merrick Garland,
Attorney General Nominee
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Garland,

I write to request that, during your Senate confirmation hearings, you commit to keeping David C. Weiss as the United States Attorney for the District of Delaware until his office completes its ongoing investigation into Hunter Biden. Mr. Weiss brings over a decade of leadership experience as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Acting U.S. Attorney, and Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware, and has conducted this investigation with the utmost professionalism and discretion.

This probe is critical to defending the integrity of our republic and ensuring the Biden Administration will not be the subject of undue foreign interference. Americans have the right to know whether Mr. Biden's reported ties to foreign governments will make him the subject of blackmail attempts or other nefarious efforts to undermine U.S. national security or otherwise improperly influence American foreign policy. This investigation must be transparent and impartial so that all Americans have faith in the results, whatever they may be.

Should you wish to remove Mr. Weiss from his post before he brings this investigation to a close, I urge you to commit to appointing a Special Counsel to complete the investigation. Any action to alter the investigatory process on your part could taint the outcome of this probe and increase uncertainty in an already divisive time. Similar to when the Justice Department appointed Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III, it is critical that this investigation continue free from political interference, no matter who is in the White House. As you know, the Attorney General is granted the statutory authority to appoint a Special Counsel under 28 U.S.C. § 515 and 28 CFR § 600 to investigate and prosecute any matter that would present a conflict of interest for the Department or in other circumstances where it would be in the public interest to appoint a Special Counsel.

I urge you to publicly commit to either keeping the U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware, David C. Weiss, in place until his office concludes the investigation into Hunter Biden or appointing a Special Counsel to continue the investigation free from any political interference. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Ken Buck
Member of Congress