

U.S. Sens. Johnson, Grassley: Hunter Biden's apparent criminal behavior must be thoroughly investigated

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WASHINGTON – On Thursday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), ranking member of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray, and United States Attorney for the District of Delaware David Weiss demanding a thorough investigation of Hunter Biden's potentially criminal behavior.

A recent [article](#) revealed evidence further corroborating the facts highlighted in the senators' [September 2020 report](#) about Hunter Biden's questionable financial transactions. Specifically, the *Washington Examiner* published Hunter Biden's text messages apparently showing him discussing payment for escorts associated with a company which at one time had locations in Russia and Ukraine. In 2020, based on records in their possession, the senators reported, "Hunter Biden paid nonresident women in the United States who are citizens of Russia and Ukraine" and that some transactions are linked to what "appears to be an Eastern European prostitution or human trafficking ring."

In their letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FBI, **the senators wrote**, "Rather than take these disturbing revelations seriously, the partisan press quickly rushed to dispel any notion of potential wrongdoing connected to Hunter Biden."

The senators added, “These findings of potentially criminal behavior must be thoroughly investigated by law enforcement entities according to the highest ethical standards. Yet, due to your agencies’ continued failure to provide Congress with answers to its legitimate oversight questions, we have serious concerns about your review of this matter as well as the ongoing Hunter Biden criminal case.”

As a result of DOJ’s failure to be transparent with Congress about taking necessary steps to avoid conflicts with respect to the Hunter Biden criminal case, **the senators asked:** “What is the Justice Department trying to hide from Congress and the American people?”