

# [***Marjorie Taylor Greene Slams Hunter Biden After His Lawyers Request Ethics Probe***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6839-DHF1-DXVP-53PG-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The president s son is facing possible federal charges for tax violations and failing to disclose a firearm purchase.

**Body**

**Topline**

Hunter Biden s attorneys asked the Office of Congressional Ethics to investigate Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) for her inflammatory rhetoric about the president s son on Monday, days before his legal team is expected to meet with Justice Department prosecutors weighing federal charges against him.

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President Joe Biden stands with his son Hunter Biden, left, and sister Valerie Biden Owens, right, as he looks at a plaque dedicated to his late son Beau Biden while visiting Mayo Roscommon Hospice in County Mayo, Ireland, Friday, April 14, 2023. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

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**Key Facts**

Hunter Biden s attorney Abbe Lowell accused Greene of unmoored verbal abuses against the president s son ina Monday letterto the Office of Congressional Ethics, citing her social media statements suggesting Hunter Biden is involved in human trafficking, drugs, and sex with prostitutes and minors.

The letter also cited a Truth Social post by Greene in January in which she posted a photo of Hunter Biden driving his niece and her cousin and accused him of being on crack and wheeling and dealing with China and prostitutes.

Lowell said the statements amount to outrageous, undignified rhetoric and brazen violations of the standards of official conduct that do not reflect creditably on the House.

Ina separate letter, Lowell also asked the Treasury Department Inspector General to probe how Garrett Ziegler, a former Trump White House official, obtained suspicious activity reports from Hunter Biden s bank that he published on his Marco Polo website dedicated to exposing various individuals he claims are involved in corruption and blackmail.

Ziegler claimed he worked with associates at JP Morgan to obtain the five reports which banks are required to send to the Treasury Department when they detect potential illegal activity associated with a transaction and used the documents to craft a false narrative that Mr. Biden is associated with a human trafficking ring, Lowell s letter states.

Greene doubled down on her accusations against Hunter Biden in tweets on Monday reacting to the letter, claiming the entire government knows and has proof Hunter Biden was involved in human sex trafficking, while also alleging a double standard is at play compared to law enforcement investigations against former President Donald Trump: just imagine if Hunter s last name was Trump, she wrote.

**Key Background**

Hunter Biden faces two possible misdemeanor charges of failing to file his taxes in 2016 and 2017, along with felony charges for tax evasion and omitting information on paperwork he was required to fill out to make a gun purchase. His lawyers are expected to meet with DOJ officials this week to discuss the charges, months after federal agents decided they believed they have enough evidence to charge Hunter Biden, the reported. The investigation initially centered around Hunter Biden s international business ventures when it began in 2018, but it expanded into a probe of his taxes and purchase of a .38 revolver. FBI and Internal Revenue Service investigators overseeing the probes have reportedly grown frustrated that the DOJ has yet to make charging decisions. An IRS whistleblower accused the agency of preferential treatment and allowing ***politics*** to influence decisions in a letter to Congress last week,the Associated Press reported.

**Tangent**

A2020 published just before the presidential election that detailed the contents of a laptop belonging to the president s son kicked off a flurry of accusations against Hunter Biden, including that his father, while serving as vice-president, used his influence to benefit his son s Ukrainian business ventures. Biden has repeatedly denied having any involvement with his son s professional work, and the White House insists Biden hasnever discussedhis son s business dealings. House Republicans, after winning control of the lower chamber in the midterm election, have ramped up their various probes against Hunter Biden s foreign business dealings in an effort to implicate the president. Hunter Biden s attorneys have recently become more aggressive in attempting to counter the attacks by refusing to comply with Republican House leaders requests for information to aid their investigations. His lawyers alsofiled a lawsuitlast month against the owner of the laptop repair store that distributed the contents of his computer**,** alleging he violated his rights to privacy.

**What We Don t Know**

Whether the Office of Congressional Ethics will probe Greene for the conduct described in Lowell s letter. The chair and co-chair of the committee appointed by the top Republican and top Democrat in Congress must agree to open a preliminary review of the issue. The OCE does not issue punishments or have any statutory authority, but serves as a fact-finding agency that makes recommendations to Congress about possible violations of ethical standards.

**What To Watch For**

News that the DOJ investigation against Hunter Biden may be reaching the charging stage comes as the president is expected to announce his re-election campaign on Tuesday.

**Further Reading**

Hunter Biden Faces DOJ: Charges Will Be Discussed This Week, Report Says(Forbes)

Hunter Biden Pushes Back Again: Sues Owner Of Repair Store Over Alleged Laptop Leak(Forbes)

Here s Why The GOP Is Targeting Hunter Biden s Artwork Priced As High As $500,000 As House Panel Re-Ups Request For Info From NYC Gallery (Forbes)

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