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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I am writing to renew my October 13th request that you launch a formal inquiry into troubling reports that Biden administration officials pressured the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to delay a planned cut in oil production for the sole purpose of influencing the outcome of the 2022 elections. As I noted in my previous letter, these allegations are incredibly serious, and if true, may constitute the illegal solicitation of a foreign in-kind contribution by the White House on behalf of Democrats' midterm campaign efforts.

This week, new revelations emerged in the *New York Times*¹ suggesting that the Biden administrations clandestine efforts to pressure the Saudis may have commenced as early as this spring – when U.S. gas prices hit an all-time national high. This investigative report revealed that White House officials “*thought they had struck a secret deal to boost oil production through the end of the year – an arrangement that could have helped [President Biden] justify breaking a campaign pledge.*” The article cited “*American officials and officials from Gulf Arab nations, as well as Middle East experts with knowledge of [the] discussions.*”

The report went on to quote “*American officials*” as confirming that these elaborate, backroom negotiations culminated in “*a private oil deal*” in which “*the Saudis would accelerate an OPEC Plus production increase of 400,000 barrels per day already planned for September, moving it to July and August. Then the Saudis would get the cartel to announce a further production increase of 200,000 barrels per day for each month from September to December of this year.*”

In the wake of these deeply disconcerting claims, as well as prior public statements by the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs corroborating them, I am once again asking that you and the chairs of relevant House committees fulfill your constitutional duties and immediately:

1. Convene hearings to determine if such calls or meetings took place, what Biden administration officials participated and what specific requests were made regarding Saudi or OPEC+ oil production by Biden administration officials.

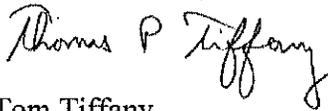
¹ A Secret, Failed Oil Deal: How the U.S.-Saudi Relationship Ruptured - The New York Times (nytimes.com)

2. Request that the White House release the transcripts of any calls between President Biden, Vice President Harris, any cabinet official or other senior administration official and representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding oil production that took place subsequent to February 1, 2022.
3. Identify any Biden administration official who may have asked any Saudi government official to delay any oil production cut until November or later.

As I noted in my last letter, it is incumbent upon the House to exercise vigorous oversight and get to the bottom of these alarming reports as soon as possible.

If the President or any of his senior appointees actively sought to collude with a foreign government to influence the outcome of our elections, the American people deserve to know about it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Tiffany". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Tiffany
Member of Congress