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Jeff Zients
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Mr. Zients:

Following the Wall Street Journal's article entitled "Behind Closed Doors, Biden Shows Signs of Slipping"¹, I write to you today to express serious concern with President Biden's current cognitive state and ability to execute the duties of the Presidency. After numerous examples of the President's declining mental acuity, it is imperative that the White House remains transparent about the President of the United States' honest ability to uphold the duties of the office to which he swore an oath.^{2 3}

As a consultant pharmacist for several decades, I have treated patients in nursing homes and recognize the signs of cognitive decline. The patients I treated slowly experienced mental decline and forgetfulness. This includes repeatedly forgetting names and confusing prior experiences with current events – the same behaviors that the American public and congressional lawmakers have witnessed from the President of the United States.

In January, President Biden appeared confused and mixed up two of his cabinet secretaries, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, and Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra.⁴ In a meeting with top congressional lawmakers to discuss support for Ukraine, Biden moved slowly around the room and "[he] started the meeting reading from notes to make broad points about the need to give money to Ukraine, which struck several participants as odd given that the lawmakers present already generally agreed that more funds were needed. Some attendees had trouble hearing him."¹

In February, the President claimed that has spoken with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who died in 2017, and to former French President François Mitterrand, who died in 1996.⁵ Additionally, during a trip to Georgia, the President tripped three times in the span of two seconds while boarding Air Force One.⁶

¹ [Behind Closed Doors, Biden Shows Signs of Slipping - WSJ](#)

² <https://www.justice.gov/storage/report-from-special-counsel-robert-k-hur-february-2024.pdf>

³ [In his second mix-up this week, Biden talks about meeting with dead European leaders \(nbcnews.com\)](#)

⁴ [Biden, 81, confuses cabinet secretaries: Joe mixes up Alejandro Mayorkas and Xavier Becerra - moments after Karine Jean-Pierre said there's nothing wrong his mental stamina | Daily Mail Online](#)

⁵ [Biden claims he discussed Jan. 6 with German chancellor who died in 2017 | Fox News](#)

⁶ [Biden stumbles trying to board Air Force One following leaders summit | Fox News](#)

The President of the United States is a position which requires strong mental awareness to protect the interests of the American people. Throughout recent domestic and international crises, Americans are rightly concerned that the President's fragile mental state is creating a leadership vacuum in a position that demands utmost competence. The American people deserve to know that the President can perform the duties of Head of State and Commander-in-Chief, and they deserve full transparency on the mental capabilities of their highest elected leader.

That is why I encourage the President to perform a cognitive test immediately. I implore you to then publish the test results, so the American people know the full mental and intellectual health of their President. The American people can no longer be left to wonder about their safety and security because of the President's deteriorating mental state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress