## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)
v.	) Criminal Action No. 1:23-cr-00061-MN
ROBERT HUNTER BIDEN,	)
Defendant.	)
	)

MR. BIDEN'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO MR. BIDEN'S ALLEGED "EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE"

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Mr. Biden, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Reply in support of his Motion in limine to exclude any reference to an alleged "extravagant lifestyle," including characterizing items, for instance, as "upscale," "lavish," or "fancy." The Special Counsel opposes the motion, but notes "that the focus of [the Special Counsel's] case in chief will not be whether the defendant was living an extravagant lifestyle." (DE 171 at 1.) While Mr. Biden recognizes that some of the evidence cited in the government's response may be relevant (e.g., purported drug purchases, ATM withdrawals, and purchase of a revolver), any reference to money allegedly spent on, for example, adult entertainment, online chat rooms, or escort services is not relevant to the charges and the marginal (if any) probative value is outweighed by significant risk of unfair prejudice. Fed. R. Evid. 403; United States v. Lattanzio, 2018 WL 1837856, at \*14 (D.N.J. Apr. 16, 2018) ("Admission of lifestyle evidence carries a danger of appealing to class resentments, and so requires the weighing of probativeness against prejudice."). Characterizing or referencing unnecessary salacious details—such as how much things cost, whether they are upscale, or citing expenses concerning collateral alleged sexual conduct unrelated to the charges here—are the exact type of prejudicial, inflammatory evidence that has a tendency to make a conviction more likely because it provokes an emotional response in the jury. See United States v. Guerrero, 803 F.2d 783, 785–86 (3d Cir. 1986).

Accordingly, Mr. Biden respectfully requests that this Court grant his Motion *in limine* to exclude any reference to an "extravagant" or "lavish" lifestyle during periods of his addiction.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 24th day of May, 2024, I filed the foregoing Reply in support of Mr. Biden's Motion *in Limine* with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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