



Not Having It

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U.S. District Court Judge Maryellen Noreika is not having it, as [yesterday's](#) headlines indicate. The super-lenient “deal” that Hunter Biden’s lawyers made with the Department of Justice to let the president’s son off with barely a scrape *stinks*.

And she’s not signing off on it.

But there is a hitch, which *Reason* summarizes in its title to Jacob Sullum’s [coverage](#): “Hunter Biden Shouldn’t Go to Prison for Violating an Arbitrary Gun Law.”

And Sullum is right. Sort of.

And wrong. Really.

The letter of the law that Hunter most definitely ran afoul of is, as Sullum argues, definitely ill-advised and almost certainly unconstitutional. And, to add cream to the jest,

had Hunter committed his lying infraction a little later, after his father signed the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) last year, he would have been in even deeper doo.

“The fact that President Joe Biden stubbornly [defends](#) a policy that could put his own son behind bars,” Sullum concludes, “should not blind us to the injustice that would entail.”

True, but it’s not just about gun laws. It’s tax law, too, that Hunter defied.

The real problem, of course, is that Hunter Biden was engaged in an uber-corrupt shake-down operation — *with* his family, *including* his father — leveraging his father’s position in government. Letting Hunter off with a wrist-slap on lesser charges, allowing the statute of limitations to [expire](#) on various crimes, bestowing wide immunity, also lets President Biden and the whole crime family off, thereby keeping a lid on a corruption scandal that makes Teapot Dome look like a child’s tea party.

Besides, shouldn’t the children of politicians be prosecuted to the fullest extent of their parents’ laws?

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.