

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. _____

Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President and Department of Justice officials inconsistent with their duties under the laws of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President and Department of Justice officials inconsistent with their duties under the laws of the United States.

Whereas Public Law 119-38 (the Epstein Files Transparency Act, referred to in this resolution as the “Act”) was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, and with their vote, every United States Senator, and 427 bipartisan House members sent a clear and simple message: Release all the Epstein files;

Whereas the Act required the release of “all” records, documents, communications, and investigation materials in a

searchable and downloadable format by December 19, 2025;

Whereas the Act provided for limited, narrowly tailored grounds for withholding or redacting information made public in compliance with the law;

Whereas, on December 19, 2025, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche said the Justice Department would release an initial, but not complete, portion of the Epstein files, which would include “several hundred thousand documents” from its Epstein investigative files;

Whereas the Act provides no exception to meeting the December 19, 2025, release deadline;

Whereas only 4,101 records, made up of 9,675 pages, were released by the Department of Justice on December 19, 2025, not “several hundred thousand documents”;

Whereas the Department of Justice sought to inflate the total numbers of documents released;

Whereas, on the Department of Justice website, the Department of Justice has also collected other Epstein material, which has largely already been made public, including records previously produced under the Freedom of Information Act, the July Maxwell interview, the Bureau of Prison footage of Epstein’s jail cell on the night of his death, prior Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility and Office of Inspector General reports and statements, and a link to the website of the Committee on Oversight of the House of Representatives;

Whereas the released files were extensively redacted, not in compliance with the limited scope of redactions included in the Act;

Whereas, according to an initial analysis, approximately half of the total released pages featured redactions, including 20 percent completely or heavily redacted and a series of 3 consecutive documents, totaling 255 pages, entirely redacted without any explanation; and

Whereas the released material erroneously released Epstein survivor information, while in other instances, protecting Epstein co-conspirators and enablers from disclosure: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Majority Leader of the Senate shall ini-
3 tiate or intervene in one or more civil actions in the
4 name of the Senate in a Federal Court of competent
5 jurisdiction to seek appropriate relief regarding the
6 failure the Department of Justice to act in a manner
7 consistent with Public Law 119-38 (the Epstein Files
8 Transparency Act);

9 (2) the Majority Leader of the Senate shall no-
10 tify the Senate when the body initiates or intervenes
11 in any civil action pursuant to this resolution; and

12 (3) the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, or any
13 other counsel designated at the direction of the Ma-
14 jority Leader of the Senate, shall represent the Sen-
15 ate in any civil action initiated, or in which the Sen-
16 ate intervenes, pursuant to this resolution, and any
17 counsel so designated is authorized to designate
18 funds for such representation approved by the Ma-

- 1 jority Leader of the Senate out of the miscellaneous
- 2 line item appropriations.