

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche,

As former prosecutors, we watched – along with millions of Americans – Attorney General Pam Bondi lie under oath before Congress. Testifying before a House Judiciary Committee hearing on February 11, 2026, Attorney General Bondi emphatically stated, “There is no evidence that Donald Trump has committed a crime.” Yet a number of the documents from the Epstein files released to date by the Department of Justice directly contradict her statement. When confronted with her lie, she did not retract her statement, she doubled down. She stated, “Don’t you ever accuse me of committing a crime.”

Attorney General Bondi committed the crime of making false statements under oath, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. We request that you immediately appoint a special counsel to investigate Attorney General Bondi for committing perjury. America cannot have a liar and a criminal as our top law enforcement officer.

Donald Trump is all over the Epstein files released to date – which is only half of the total number of documents in your possession – referenced over 38,000 times.¹ Below are just a few examples of the evidence released by the Department of Justice alleging that Trump committed crimes:

- The DOJ released a 21-page internal slideshow presentation about investigations into Epstein. In it, there are two accusations against Donald Trump provided by two witnesses:
 - “[REDACTED] stated Epstein introduced her to Trump who subsequently forced her head down to his exposed penis which she subsequently bit. In response, Trump punched her in the head and kicked her out. (Date range 1983-1985, [REDACTED] would have been 13-15).”²
 - “[REDACTED] remember Epstein introduced her to Trump saying “this is a good one, huh” and Trump responded “Yes”. (Date range roughly 1984, [REDACTED] would have been 14).”³
- A separate FBI record reflects that an individual contacted the FBI’s National Threat Operations Center reporting that, as a limo driver, he overheard Trump “continuously stated

¹ New York Times, Feb. 1, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/01/us/trump-epstein-files.html>

² U.S. Department of Justice, EFTA01660639, p.18,
<https://www.justice.gov/epstein/files/DataSet%2010/EFTA01660622.pdf>

³ U.S. Department of Justice, EFTA01660639, p.18,
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the name 'Jeffrey' while on the phone, and made references to "abusing some girl." The individual also said he met a girl who said she was raped by Trump and Epstein.⁴

- In July 2019, FBI interview transcripts released by the DOJ indicate that a witness expressed fear of retaliation when discussing individuals who were "well known" including "current United States President Donald Trump."⁵

These examples contradict her claim that there is "no evidence that Donald Trump has committed a crime." When confronted with one of these pieces of evidence, Attorney General Bondi doubled down instead of retracting her false statement. She also inappropriately and creepily spied on Members of Congress who were searching through the Epstein Files, so we know that she would have seen the documents that incriminated Trump.

Further, it appears that the DOJ removed a document indicating that the underage accuser referenced above in the 21-page internal slideshow was interviewed not once, but "at least four times" by the FBI.⁶ The removal of that document is not only suspicious, it raises obvious concerns about a coverup.

Moreover, both you and AG Bondi have stated that all of the survivors who have reached out to the Department have been able to provide testimony and evidence. As the country saw during last week's hearing, that is demonstrably false. Every survivor who attended that hearing indicated that they had tried to meet with the Department and were rebuffed but would still be willing to provide evidence and testimony. Unless the Department is overtly covering up for President Trump or other child predators, we expect that the Department will meet with those survivors immediately.

Attorney General Bondi's conduct meets all the elements of the crime of making false statements under oath. Since she obviously isn't going to prosecute herself, a clear conflict of interest exists.

Therefore, under 28 C.F.R. § 600.1, we request that you immediately appoint a special counsel to investigate Attorney General Pam Bondi for committing perjury during her February 11, 2026, testimony before the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Dan Goldman
Member of Congress

⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, EFTA00020517, <https://www.justice.gov/epstein/files/DataSet%208/EFTA00020517.pdf>

⁵ U.S. Department of Justice, EFTA01245620, p. 6 www.justice.gov/epstein/files/DataSet%209/EFTA01245620.pdf

⁶ Substack, <https://substack.com/home/post/p-188426985>