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Dear Attorney General Blanche:

Since the early phases of the Trump Administration, Oversight Democrats have fought against the cover-up of the Epstein files. Oversight Democrats have consistently and forcefully demanded the Department of Justice (DOJ)'s full compliance with the Committee's subpoena of the Epstein files, and the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA).[1] Oversight Democrats are also investigating the Administration's broader cover-up of the Epstein matter, including its botched handling of documents and its treatment of Ghislaine Maxwell. DOJ's response has been shockingly inadequate and unacceptable. Voters gave Congressional Democrats a sweeping mandate to root out corruption and ensure that the government is accountable to the people. We intend to act on that mandate in the 120th Congress by conducting the critically important oversight essential for legislative reform. Oversight Democrats demand that you respond to our

[1] Letter from Ranking Member Garcia to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Nov. 21, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-11-21.garcia-to-doj-re-epstein-subpoena-vs-act.pdf); Letter from Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi (Feb. 6, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-02-06_garcia_et_al_to_doj_bondi_revictimdisclosure.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Garcia and Rep. Summer Lee to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Feb. 10, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_pam_bondi4.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, House Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Pramila Jayapal, Subcommittee on Immigration, Security, and Enforcement, House Committee on the Judiciary, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Feb. 13, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-02-13_raskin_rgarcia_jayapal_to_bondi_doj_re_member_surveillance_epstein_files.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Feb. 25, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-02-25garciatobondireepstein.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, House Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Pramila Jayapal, Subcommittee on Immigration, Security, and Enforcement, House Committee on the Judiciary, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi (Mar. 19, 2026) (online at https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-03-19-raskin-rgarcia-jayapal-to-bondi-doj-re-epstein-files-review-final.pdf).

outstanding requests and preserve all records, communications, and information related to DOJ's compliance with the Committee's subpoena and the EFTA, its review and release of documents, and the decision to transfer Maxwell to a minimum-security prison camp.

On August 5, 2025, the Committee issued a subpoena to DOJ for the Epstein files.[2] In response, DOJ made a single, minimal production of already-public materials—and then refused to meaningfully engage with the Committee.[3] On November 19, 2025, in the face of a non-compliant DOJ, Congress passed the EFTA.[4] The law required DOJ to release the Epstein files to the American people within a month.[5] But to date, DOJ has published only 3.5 million of the 6 million pages it has said are in its custody and has failed to provide the statutorily required justifications for the many documents it has withheld.[6] And DOJ has exposed dozens of survivors' personally identifiable information in the process, exposing them to a serious risk of harassment and harm.[7]

You have refused to cooperate with our investigation, or to fulfill your legal responsibilities to be transparent with the Committee and the American people. This obstruction is even more concerning given your direct involvement in the broader cover-up, as well as your history as President Trump's personal attorney.[8] Indeed, according to former Attorney General Pam Bondi, you directly oversaw DOJ's response to the Committee's subpoena and its

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[2] Subpoena and Attachment to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.05-Subpoena-and-Schedule-to-DOJ.pdf).

[3] *US House Panel Releases 33,000 Pages of Epstein Files*, BBC (Sept. 3, 2025) (online at www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp949lrj373o); *Justice Department Sends House Committee First Batch of Epstein Files*, Washington Post (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/08/22/epstein-files-release-house-doj/).

[4] Epstein Files Transparency Act, Pub. L. No. 119-38 (2025).

[5] *Id*.

[6] Although DOJ in February provided a perfunctory report to Congress as it was required to do under Section 3 of EFTA, rather than explain the basis for withholding specific documents, the report provided only blanket legal justifications, including the "deliberative process" privilege, for withholding and redacting information. *See* Letter from Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, U.S. Department of Justice, to Chairman Chuck Grassley and Ranking Member Dick Durbin, Senate Judiciary Committee, and Chairman Jim Jordan and Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, House Judiciary Committee (Feb. 14, 2026) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1434856/dl?inline); see also *Epstein Files Rife with Uncensored Nudes and Victims' Names, Despite Redaction Efforts*, AP News (Feb. 4, 2026) (online at https://apnews.com/article/jeffrey-epstein-files-28a28aeebcfd49890e0810eb69992724); *Classified Material Missing from Epstein Files, Documents Suggest*, CBS News (Oct. 28, 2026) (online at www.cbsnews.com/news/epstein-files-classified-material-missing-documents-suggest).

[7] *Epstein Files Rife with Uncensored Nudes and Victims' Names, Despite Redaction Efforts*, AP News (Feb. 4, 2026) (online at https://apnews.com/article/jeffrey-epstein-files-28a28aeebcfd49890e0810eb69992724); *Classified Material Missing from Epstein Files, Documents Suggest*, CBS News (Oct. 28, 2026) (online at www.cbsnews.com/news/epstein-files-classified-material-missing-documents-suggest).

[8] *Inside the White House Freakout Over the Epstein Files*, New York Times (June 10, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/06/10/magazine/trump-epstein-files-white-house-vance-doj.html); *Blanche Says He's Not Trump's Personal Servant*, Politico (Aug. 16, 2026) (online at www.politico.com/news/2026/08/16/todd-blanche-donald-trump-01038895).

compliance with the EFTA.[9] This included DOJ's botched review and release of documents.[10] You also conducted the highly unusual interview of Maxwell, during which she claimed that she had never seen President Trump behave inappropriately.[11] This interview has raised questions about a potential quid pro quo, given that a few days after Maxwell praised the President, his Administration transferred her to a much more comfortable minimum-security prison camp.[12]

Accordingly, we demand that you reply to Oversight Democrats' outstanding requests. We expect these responses no later than December 2, 2026.

In addition, Oversight Democrats demand that you preserve all records relevant to our previous letters transmitted to DOJ, as well as all documents, communications, and information related to DOJ's compliance with the Committee's subpoena and the EFTA, its review and release of documents, and the decision to transfer Maxwell to a minimum-security prison camp. The Federal Records Act (FRA) requires your agency to preserve all information made or received under federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business. This includes any record created on a personal account or device while performing government business.[13] With few exceptions, all federal officials are subject to the FRA and may face criminal penalties, including fines and up to three years of imprisonment, if they fail to follow the law.[14]

Committee Democrats will not tolerate the Administration's refusal to respond to our inquiries and, in the future, will not hesitate to compel information from individuals enabling the cover-up of Epstein's and Maxwell's crimes. The American people have spoken, and they demand accountability.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Democratic Committee staff on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.[15]

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[9] Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Final-Bondi-Transcript.pdf).

[10] *Id*.

[11] *Lockdowns and a Mysterious Meeting: A Quiet Texas Prison Adapts to Life with Ghislaine Maxwell*, Wall Street Journal (Oct. 11, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/ghislaine-maxwell-prison-transfer-epstein-b5efd6ac).

[12] *Id*.; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, *Change Notice: Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification* (Sept. 4, 2019) (online at https://niagarafallsreporter.com/media/upload-9e85c6cd265e3c08.pdf).

[13] 44 U.S.C. § 3301.

[14] 18 U.S.C. § 2071.

[15] House rule X, clause 4(c)(2).

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman