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The Honorable William K. Marshall III
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Dear Director Marshall and Warden Hall:

We write concerning the Trump Administration's decision to transfer convicted sex offender Ghislaine Maxwell to a minimum-security prison camp—a decision made just days after Maxwell offered favorable testimony regarding President Trump in a highly unusual interview with then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche.[1] Oversight Democrats have been investigating this decision and the extraordinary preferential treatment Maxwell has enjoyed as a result.[2] To date, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) have failed to

[1] *Ghislaine Maxwell Moved to Minimum-Security Women's Prison in Texas*, New York Times (Aug. 31, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/08/01/us/politics/ghislaine-maxwell-prison-texas.html); U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 24, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.24-cft%20(Redacted).pdf); U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 25, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.25%20(Redacted).pdf).

[2] Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Director William K. Marshall III, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Aug. 1, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_the_honorable_william_kmarshalliii.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Inspector General William Blier, Department of Justice (Sept. 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-09-03.garcia-et-al-to-doj-oig-re-maxwell-transfer.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pam Bondi, Department of Justice (Oct. 16, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-16.garcia-to-doj-re-maxwell.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Warden Tanisha Hall, Federal Prison Camp Bryan (Oct. 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-

fully cooperate. 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 outstanding requests and preserve all records, communications, and information related to DOJ's transfer of Maxwell to a minimum-security prison camp.

On July 24 and 25, 2025—just days after the Committee voted to subpoena DOJ for the Epstein files—then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche led a closed-door interview of Maxwell in the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Tallahassee, Florida, where she was serving a 20-year sentence for sex trafficking.[3] During the interview, then-Deputy Attorney General Blanche asked Maxwell about President Trump's relationship with Epstein.[4] Maxwell responded by praising President Trump and claiming that she had never seen him engage in any inappropriate behavior.[5] Less than a week later, BOP transferred Maxwell from the low-security FCI in Tallahassee to the minimum-security Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Bryan, Texas—raising concerns of a potential quid pro quo.[6] This highly suspicious transfer was also a clear violation of BOP's own policies, which required sex offenders to be housed in *at least a low-security facility,* not a minimum-security facility.[7] Following the transfer, Maxwell has

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[3] U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 24, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.24-cft%20(Redacted).pdf); U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 25, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.25%20(Redacted).pdf); Department of Justice, *Press Release: Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced To 20 Years in Prison for Conspiring With Jeffrey Epstein To Sexually Abuse Minors* (June 28, 2022) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse).

[4] U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 24, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.24-cft%20(Redacted).pdf); U.S. Department of Justice, *Interview of Ghislaine Maxwell* (July 25, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.25%20(Redacted).pdf)

[5] *Id*.

[6] *Ghislaine Maxwell Moved to Minimum-Security Women's Prison in Texas*, New York Times (Aug. 31, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/08/01/us/politics/ghislaine-maxwell-prison-texas.html).

[7] 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). "Sex Offender. A male or female inmate whose behavior in the current term of confinement or prior history includes one or more of the following elements will be housed in at least a Low security level institution, unless the PSF has been waived." (Chap. 5, pg. 8).

reportedly enjoyed extraordinary preferential treatment as an inmate at FPC Bryan, including being granted special phone, exercise, and visitor privileges.[8]

Oversight Democrats have since sought information from both DOJ and BOP regarding the circumstances surrounding Maxwell's transfer and the subsequent reports of preferential treatment at FPC Bryan.[9] But DOJ and BOP have failed to meaningfully respond to any of our inquiries. Oversight Democrats demand that you reply to our outstanding requests. We expect these responses no later than November 27, 2026.

In addition, Oversight Democrats demand that you preserve all records relevant to our previous letters transmitted to you, as well as all documents, communications, and information related to the Administration's decision to transfer Maxwell to a minimum-security prison camp and her subsequent preferential treatment. 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.[10] 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.[11]

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 Maxwell's and Epstein's crimes. The American people have spoken, and they demand accountability.

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[8] House Committee on the Judiciary, Democrats, *Press Release: Whistleblower Shares Evidence That Federal Prison Camp Warden is Pampering Ghislaine Maxwell, Maxwell Also Filing a "Commutation Application" With Trump Administration* (Nov. 10, 2025) (online at https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/whistleblower-shares-evidence-that-federal-prison-camp-warden-is-pampering-ghislaine-maxwell-maxwell-also-filing-a-commutation-application-with-trump-administration).

[9] Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Director William K. Marshall III, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Aug. 1, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_the_honorable_william_kmarshalliii.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Inspector General William Blier, Department of Justice (Sept. 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-09-03.garcia-et-al-to-doj-oig-re-maxwell-transfer.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pam Bondi, Department of Justice (Oct. 16, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-16.garcia-to-doj-re-maxwell.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Warden Tanisha Hall, Federal Prison Camp Bryan (Oct. 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-30.garcia-to-fpc-bryan-warden-re-maxwell.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pam Bondi, Department of Justice (Jan. 22, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_pam_bondi1.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Inspector General Don R. Berthiaume, Department of Justice (Jan. 22, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_aig_don_berthiaume.pdf).

[10] 44 U.S.C. § 3301.

[11] 18 U.S.C. § 2071.

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 about this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.[12]

Sincerely,

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

The Honorable Todd Blanche, Attorney General
Department of Justice

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