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The Honorable Pam Bondi
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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) shocking exposure of dozens of survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse in DOJ's latest release of documents. DOJ's failure to properly redact this sensitive information has exacerbated the trauma of Epstein survivors and poses serious risks to their safety. The botched release of the Epstein files also raises deeply troubling questions about whether the agency is actually committed to honoring its responsibilities to Epstein's survivors, leaving us to wonder if the personal survivor information DOJ unlawfully released in the files was negligence or by design.

DOJ's publication of survivors' names, photographs, and other personally identifying information—which occurred *thousands* of times within this production—took place despite the agency possessing a comprehensive list of victim names.¹ DOJ gave assurances to the victims, a federal court, and the American public that the agency was committed to protecting victim privacy.² This latest disaster, however, follows a previous failure by DOJ to properly redact victims' information and occurred even though DOJ claimed it spent significant time making proper redactions in compliance with the EFTA.³

¹ *Epstein Files Release Exposes Names of at Least 43 Victims, WSJ Review Finds*, Wall Street Journal (Feb. 1, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/law/epstein-files-release-exposes-names-of-at-least-43-victims-wsj-review-finds-ba4ff95e?mod=hp_list_pos1).

² *Id.*; Letter from Brad Edwards, Esq., to The Hon. Richard M. Berman and The Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer at 1-2 (Feb. 1, 2026) (on file with Committee); Letter from Attorney General Pamela Bondi and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, Department of Justice at 1-4 (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1426091/dl); *Press Release: Epstein Survivors Issue Joint Statement Condemning DOJ's Incomplete Epstein Files Release*, Jim Acosta (@Acosta), X (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/Acosta/status/2017362601286463963/photo/1>).

³ Letter from Brad Edwards, Esq., to The Hon. Richard M. Berman and The Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer at 2 (Feb. 1, 2026) (on file with Committee); *DOJ Announces Full Release of Epstein Files*, Politico (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at www.politico.com/news/2026/01/30/epstein-drop-live-00757275); *Epstein Victims Ask Judge to Shut D.O.J. Website After Names Disclosed*, New York Times (Feb. 2, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/02/02/nyregion/epstein-victims-names-doj-website-hearing.html).

The scale and severity of the exposure of survivor information are simply staggering. Among those exposed were more than two dozen minors, whose names were still available on DOJ's website as of Sunday afternoon, two days after the release.⁴ A 2016 document was published which included a lengthy list of women identified as Epstein victims, yet DOJ only redacted one of the names on that list. DOJ also failed to redact dozens of nude images of young women and possibly teenagers in which their faces were visible.⁵ This is unconscionable.

The production included documents in which one minor victim's name was revealed 20 times in a single document. After the victim reported this exposure, DOJ redacted her name only three additional times, leaving 17 instances in which her name remained unredacted. The release contained an email listing 32 minor child victims, with only one name redacted and 31 left exposed. Another set of documents left a host of sensitive information unredacted, including victim names, dates of birth, bank information, driver's license numbers, email addresses, and home addresses. The production even included hundreds of pages exposing the names of four women who have been in frequent contact with DOJ since last December, regarding their concerns about the exposure of their personal information.⁶

This exposure of survivor information undermines your representation that DOJ "will ensure that any public disclosure of these files will be done in a manner to protect the privacy of victims and in accordance with law [*sic*]." ⁷ Rather than taking sufficient steps to fix its failure, DOJ has placed the burden on the *survivors* to find their unredacted names and request that DOJ make the necessary redactions.⁸ Several victims have described DOJ's actions as "re-traumatizing, forcing them to relive their abuse while racing to prevent the spread of their identities online."⁹ Multiple victims have since had their names spread on social media and across the internet, some of whom report being the targets of online harassment since the documents became public.¹⁰

DOJ's failure also raises questions about its willingness to comply with the EFTA and the subpoena that this Committee issued last August. DOJ clearly devoted significant time and resources to selecting the roughly 2.5 million pages of materials to withhold from the public, but

⁴ *Epstein Files Release Exposes Names of at Least 43 Victims, WSJ Review Finds*, Wall Street Journal (Feb. 1, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/law/epstein-files-release-exposes-names-of-at-least-43-victims-wsj-review-finds-ba4ff95e?mod=hp_list1_pos1).

⁵ *The Government Published Dozens of Nude Photos in the Epstein Files*, New York Times (Feb. 1, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/02/01/us/nude-photos-epstein-files.html).

⁶ Letter from Brad Edwards, Esq., to The Hon. Richard M. Berman and The Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer at 3 (Feb. 1, 2026) (on file with Committee).

⁷ Letter from Attorney General Pamela Bondi to Director Kash Patel, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Feb. 27, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/ag/media/1391331/dl?inline).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Epstein Files Release Exposes Names of at Least 43 Victims, WSJ Review Finds*, Wall Street Journal (Feb. 1, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/law/epstein-files-release-exposes-names-of-at-least-43-victims-wsj-review-finds-ba4ff95e?mod=hp_list1_pos1).

¹⁰ *Id.*

could not be bothered to take the same efforts to protect survivors.¹¹ DOJ's conduct raises disturbing questions about whether its actions were not mere negligence, but rather efforts to punish victims for, or deter them from, coming forward, in furtherance of the ongoing cover-up by the White House. Further, it raises questions as to whether DOJ intentionally chose to allocate resources toward the removal or illegal redaction of material in service of the White House coverup and away from the protection of survivors.

Accordingly, we request that DOJ provide the following documents and information to the Committee no later than Friday, February 20, 2026:

1. Describe all steps DOJ has taken since its January 30, 2026, production to identify the presence of unredacted victim names and other personally identifiable victim information;
2. Describe all steps DOJ has taken since its January 30, 2026, production to determine why victim names and other personally identifiable victim information appeared, despite the protocols DOJ has represented it had in place;
3. Describe DOJ's conclusions from the inquiry described in request no. 2 above;
4. Describe the number of complaints DOJ received from survivors or their representatives regarding the disclosure of personally identifiable information, as well as the steps taken to remedy each individual complaint or disclosure; and
5. Provide all documents, including communications, concerning DOJ's review of the Epstein-related documents produced by DOJ on January 30, 2026, for survivor names and other personally identifiable information, including, but not limited to, documents reflecting decisions to redact, or not to redact, responsive materials on the basis of such names or personally identifiable information.

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 at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

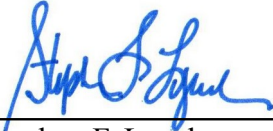
¹¹ Letter from Attorney General Pamela Bondi and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, Department of Justice at 1, 4-6 (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1426091/dl).



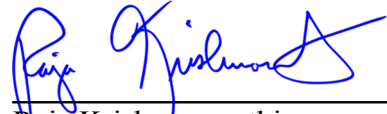
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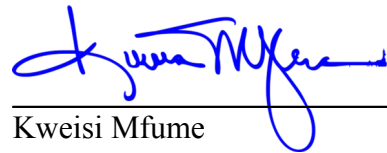
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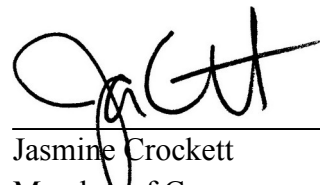
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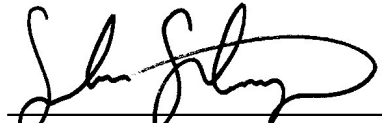
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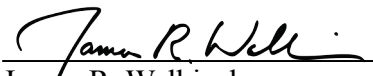
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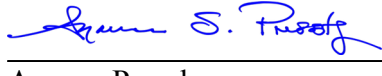
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