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The Honorable James Comer Chairman Committee on Oversight and Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

As you know, on July 23, 2025, in a hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, Subcommittee Ranking Member Summer Lee offered a motion on behalf of Committee Democrats to issue a subpoena to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the full, complete, un-redacted Epstein Files to be delivered concurrently to the Subcommittee's Majority and Minority. The motion was adopted by an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of eight to two, with all Subcommittee Democrats and Ranking Member Garcia supporting the measure. It is now the Committee's duty to issue the subpoena as urgently as possible and with the utmost care to ensure that it contains no loopholes that might threaten the transparency and accountability we have committed to delivering for the American people.²

I appreciate the three members of the Majority who chose to support this motion in good-faith cooperation to secure transparency for the American people, and I am grateful to you for swiftly confirming that you will issue the subpoena, in accordance with the rules of the House.³ I am also grateful that Subcommittee Democrats defeated a problematic amendment to the resolution which would have allowed DOJ to effectively censor its disclosures by ceding the

¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats, *Ranking Member Summer Lee Challenges Republicans with Motion to Subpoena Epstein Files* (July 23, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-summer-lee-challenges-republicans-motion-subpoena-epstein-files).

² Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats, Ranking Member Robert Garcia Statement After Oversight Democrats Successfully Subpoena the Department of Justice to Release Epstein Files (July 23, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-robert-garcia-statement-after-oversight-democrats-successfully); House of Representatives Committee Repository, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, Roll Call Vote on Lee Motion to Subpoena Epstein Files, as Amended (July 23, 2025) (online at

https://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/GO33/20250723/118526/CRPT-119-GO33-Vote003-20250723.pdf).

³ House Republicans Back Epstein Subpoena, Politico (July 23, 2025) (online at www.politico.com/live-updates/2025/07/23/congress/house-panel-votes-to-subpoena-epstein-files-00472015).

arbitrary authority to withhold information which it deemed "not credible." Such an amendment would have allowed the very individuals who concluded that there is "no basis to revisit the disclosure" of the Epstein files to continue withholding these files. Subcommittee Democrats were also proud to support sensible safeguards for the motion to protect the identities of victims and prevent the disclosure of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

Release of the Epstein files is of enormous interest to the American people and Congress must provide transparency to the American people in order to protect public confidence in our institutions, our government, and the rule of law. Further, we have an even more profound duty to provide justice and closure to the many victims of Jeffrey Epstein's conduct, and to bring accountability to any other parties to his crimes—no matter who they may be.

We therefore urge you to work with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that:

- 1. The Committee immediately transmits the enclosed subpoena schedule to fulfill the motion approved by the overwhelming vote of the Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement;
- 2. The Committee demands that the Department of Justice produce the full and complete files related to Jeffrey Epstein and his associates <u>within 30 calendar days</u>; and
- 3. The Committee stands ready to enforce the subpoena by all necessary and appropriate means and works tirelessly to ensure that the Department of Justice complies fully and expeditiously.

Jeffrey Epstein's heinous crimes are a stain on our country and our justice system. Congress cannot be silent or "move on" from this matter of grave significance, which has shut down legislative business in the House and fueled a growing crisis. We have an opportunity to demonstrate that our Committee is willing and able to rise above partisanship and to provide justice, transparency and accountability to the American people. No one is above the law.

⁴ Brian Tyler Cohen (@briantylercohen), X (July 23, 2025) (online at https://x.com/briantylercohen/status/1948231305067720704).

 $^{^5}$ Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memorandum (July 7, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

⁶ House of Representatives Committee Repository, *Mace #1* (July 23, 2025) (online at https://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/GO33/20250723/118526/BILLS-119-MotiontoSubpoena-M000194-Amdt-3.pdf).

⁷ *House Largely Grinds to a Halt Over Epstein Files*, Washington Post (July 22, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/07/22/house-republicans-epstein-files-mike-johnson/).

Sincerely,

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

Enclosure: Proposed Subpoena Schedule

Schedule A

In accordance with the attached schedule instructions, you, Pamela J. Bondi, are required to produce all records described below, redacted only to remove the personally identifiable information of victims and child sexual abuse material (CSAM)¹:

- 1. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to the conduct, business dealings, social engagements, and any other activity of Jeffrey E. Epstein and his associates, including any information relating or referring to human trafficking, exploitation of minors, sexual abuse, and related activity;
- 2. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to the prosecution of Jeffrey E. Epstein in the state of Florida, including any communications and materials relating or referring to non-prosecution, plea, or immunity agreements by any office or entity inside or outside of the state government of Florida or federal government;
- 3. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to the indictment and prosecution of Jeffrey E. Epstein by the Department of Justice or any other office or entity inside or outside of the federal government, including any materials related to decisions to charge, not charge, investigate, or decline to investigate Jeffrey E. Epstein or his associates;
- 4. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to communications between any President, the Office of the President, the White House, or any other federal office or entity, including any United States Attorneys office, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Prisons, regarding the indictment, prosecution, and death of Jeffrey E. Epstein;
- 5. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to communications between any President, the Office of the President, the White House, or any other federal office or entity regarding the public release of documents or materials related to Jeffrey E. Epstein;
- 6. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to any interaction, engagement, communication, or any other relation between Jeffrey E. Epstein and a government official, former or otherwise, or public figure;

¹ See Department of Justice, Child Sexual Abuse Material (June 2023) (online at www.justice.gov/d9/2023-06/child_sexual_abuse_material_2.pdf); Interagency Working Group on Sexual Exploitation of Children, Terminology Guide for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (2016) (online at https://ecpat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Terminology-guidelines-396922-EN-1.pdf).

- 7. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to the incarceration of Jeffrey E. Epstein, including unedited, unmodified, or otherwise unaltered video footage of the correctional facility;
- 8. All files, documents, communications, and any other materials relating or referring to the death of Jeffrey E. Epstein, including the details and conditions of his incarceration prior to death; and
- 9. All investigative holdings referred to in the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations memorandum released on July 7, 2025²;
- 10. The materials Attorney General Bondi described as "sitting on my desk right now to review" during a February 21, 2025, interview with Fox News³;
- 11. All materials regarding Jeffrey E. Epstein provided to Attorney General Bondi and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche for the May 2025 meeting described in the July 23, 2025, *Wall Street Journal* article titled "Justice Department Told Trump in May That His Name Is Among Many in the Epstein Files";
- 12. All communications, memoranda, directives, logs, or metadata concerning the destruction, deletion, alteration, misplacement, or concealment of documents, recordings, or electronic data related to Epstein, his associates, his detention and death, or any investigative files; and
- 13. A log containing written descriptions and justification of any redactions, which redactions are only permissible under this schedule if required to remove personally identifiable information of victims and CSAM material.

² Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations, Memorandum (July 7, 2025) (online at https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

³ Bondi Says Epstein Client List "Sitting on My Desk Right Now," and is Reviewing JFK, MLK Files, Fox News (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at www.foxnews.com/politics/bondi-says-epstein-client-list-sitting-my-desk-right-now-reviewing-jfk-mlk-files).