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Dr. Tanisha Hall
Warden
Federal Prison Camp Bryan
1100 Ursuline Avenue
Bryan, TX 77803

Dear Warden Hall,

I write to demand answers about the deeply troubling circumstances regarding convicted sex offender Ghislaine Maxwell's incarceration at your facility, Federal Prison Camp (FPC) Bryan. The Committee is particularly alarmed by compelling evidence that the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has granted Ms. Maxwell preferential treatment while simultaneously stonewalling congressional oversight into her transfer and her ongoing conditions of confinement. That refusal to provide even basic information raises serious concerns that the Trump Administration is obstructing the Committee's investigation into Jeffrey Epstein's crimes and the highly irregular communications between Ms. Maxwell and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche. We therefore demand your full cooperation and transparency concerning the circumstances surrounding her transfer to your facility, the specifications of her confinement, and any privileges she enjoys under your supervision.

This past July, shortly after two days of highly unusual meetings between Ms. Maxwell and Deputy Attorney General Blanche, President Trump's former personal lawyer, during which Ms. Maxwell made statements that some have interpreted to exonerate President Trump, BOP suddenly transferred Ms. Maxwell from a federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida, to FPC Bryan, a minimum security facility—despite the fact that a federal judge had previously denied Ms. Maxwell bail for posing an “extreme risk of flight” and the fact that such transfers for sex offenders are at odds with BOP policy.¹

Given her attorney's repeated urging of President Trump to grant Ms. Maxwell a pardon—a step that President Trump has refused to rule out—the suspicious timing of Ms. Maxwell's transfer and apparent preferential treatment at FPC Bryan heightens already-grave

¹ *Ghislaine Maxwell, Who Wants a Pardon, Says She Never Saw Trump “In Any Inappropriate Setting,”* Politico (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.politico.com/news/2025/08/22/ghislaine-maxwell-jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump-interview-00520352); *Ghislaine Maxwell's Move to “Country Club” Prison Smacks of Special Treatment, Experts Say*, Washington Post (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/08/05/trump-epstein-maxwell-sex-trafficking-prisons-corrections/); *Ghislaine Maxwell Is Denied Bail by Judge Who Calls Her a Flight Risk*, New York Times (Oct. 22, 2020) (online at www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/nyregion/ghislaine-maxwell-bail.html).

concerns about the possibility of a *quid pro quo* between Ms. Maxwell and the Administration, in order to secure favorable testimony.² A pardon for Ms. Maxwell would represent a grave and shocking injustice to the victims of Jeffrey Epstein's horrific crimes and, accordingly, remains deeply unpopular with the American public and prominent Republicans alike.³ We are concerned that President Trump and his Administration are providing Ms. Maxwell with favorable treatment while they wait for an opportunity to issue a pardon. The handling of Ms. Maxwell's incarceration by BOP may therefore constitute a critical element of a coverup designed to secure her cooperation with President Trump.

Additional troubling details have emerged concerning BOP's preferential treatment of Ms. Maxwell, potential interaction with Trump Administration officials, and possible attempts by BOP to cover up those facts. Earlier this month, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that while other inmates at FPC Bryan were confined to their dormitories, Ms. Maxwell met with "several visitors" in the Camp's chapel, and returned to her dormitory from the meeting "with a smile on her face," reporting to one inmate that "it went really well[.]"⁴ Current and former inmates also reported that "Maxwell appeared to receive unusually favorable treatment at times," including having guards deliver meals to her in her dormitory room, being escorted to the Camp's recreation area for late-night workouts, and being permitted to shower after other inmates were confined to their bunks in the evening.⁵

Perhaps most alarmingly, the *Journal* further reported threats to retaliate against inmates who communicated with the press about Ms. Maxwell by sending them to "a harsher facility," and that BOP in fact took retaliatory measures against at least two inmates who spoke with reporters.⁶ This account suggests that you and other BOP and DOJ personnel may be taking steps to cover up the preferential treatment of Ms. Maxwell, as well as to prevent possible interactions between Ms. Maxwell and the Trump Administration from coming to light.

To be very clear, Committee Democrats will not accept silence from the federal government regarding Jeffrey Epstein and will not hesitate in the future to compel information from individuals enabling the coverup of Ms. Maxwell's preferential treatment and Mr. Epstein's crimes. In an effort to assist the Committee in its ongoing probe into Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and the circumstances and parameters of her confinement, I request that you provide

² *Supreme Court Rejects Epstein Associate Ghislaine Maxwell's Appeal of Her Criminal Conviction*, NBC News (Oct. 6, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-rejects-epstein-associate-ghislaine-maxwells-appeal-crim-rcna233281).

³ *Trump Says He Could Pardon Ghislaine Maxwell. But Do Americans Think He Should?*, Miami Herald (July 29, 2025) (online at www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article311503902.html); *Mike Johnson Breaks With Trump on Possible Pardon for Ghislaine Maxwell*, The Daily Beast (Oct. 9, 2025) (online at <https://ca.news.yahoo.com/mike-johnson-breaks-trump-possible-160939537.html>).

⁴ *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?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAGmcKUCEhLRMuXLAETg0tBYj-q-XkMatzcKtignoakA0Cd6D_VoUr3tD4kbB7A%3D&gaa_ts=68ee75b6&gaa_sig=JM59UeSzCCSEfI8jq8fTruPIL2aogCgpVdV6mhuSfNT4a0kYKTH0HVipOO_FPI8rHSFk_QKINzANJ4CEiinBiw%3D%3D).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

written answers and documents responsive to the following inquiries no later than November 13, 2025:⁷

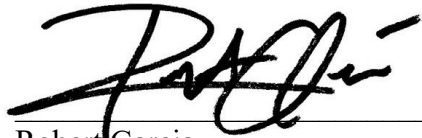
1. Identify with respect to Ghislaine Maxwell's mid-August 2025 meeting in FPC Bryan chapel reported in the October 11, 2025, *Wall Street Journal* piece cited above: (a) the names of all individuals present at that meeting; (b) the respective titles of each of the foregoing individuals; and (c) the purpose(s) and subject(s) of the meeting;
2. Identify any and all visitors to Ghislaine Maxwell since her arrival at FPC Bryan, including: (a) the names of all visitors; (b) the respective titles of each of the foregoing individuals; (c) the dates of each visit; and (d) the purpose(s) and subject(s) of each visit;
3. Identify any privileges, rights, liberties, access, or waivers from or decisions not to enforce BOP or FPC Bryan rules, policies, or procedures, that have been accorded to Ms. Maxwell, including, but not limited to, those described in the *Wall Street Journal* piece cited above;
4. Provide all documents, communications, and other materials relating to any privilege, right, liberty, access, or waiver described in the foregoing request;
5. State whether you, any FPC Bryan personnel or contractor, or any BOP personnel has received any instruction, order, or other direction from the Department of Justice, the White House, or any other federal entity regarding the conditions of confinement, terms of confinement, or privileges provided to Ms. Maxwell at FPC Bryan;
6. Provide all documents, communications, and materials from any federal entity relating to the transfer of Ms. Maxwell to FPC Bryan, as well as the parameters, terms, and conditions of her confinement;
7. State whether you, any FPC Bryan personnel or contractor, or any BOP personnel have provided any instruction, warning, or other communication, whether official or otherwise, to any inmate or staff regarding communications by inmates or BOP staff concerning Ms. Maxwell, including, but not limited to, those reported in the *Wall Street Journal* article cited above; and
8. State whether you, any FPC Bryan personnel or contractor, or any BOP personnel has revoked or limited privileges of, transferred, punished, disciplined, or otherwise taken any adverse action against any inmate as a result of that inmate's communicating with news media or any other person or entity outside the prison

⁷ Under existing BOP policy, members of Congress are entitled to be "advised of designations" when the information is requested in the course of official duties. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Program Statement (Sept. 4, 2019) (5100.008, Ch. 3, p. 5) (online at www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100_008cn.pdf).

facility regarding Ms. Maxwell, including, but not limited to, the instances reported in the *Wall Street Journal* article cited above.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman