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The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Comer:

In light of former Attorney General Pam Bondi's limited testimony last week, it is clear that the Committee must immediately arrange videotaped, transcribed interviews with Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche and FBI Director Kash Patel regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) handling of the investigation into Jeffrey Epstein and his associates. As you know, Ms. Bondi's recent appearance made clear that she was either unwilling or unable to answer basic questions about DOJ's gross mishandling of the Epstein files release, preferential treatment of Ghislaine Maxwell, or continued defiance of the Committee's subpoena, and she repeatedly referred to both Blanche and Patel to provide additional information.<sup>1</sup> Our committee must continue to seek answers to these key questions.

Rather than provide answers in her testimony, Ms. Bondi repeatedly shifted responsibility to Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche. In her opening testimony, Ms. Bondi acknowledged that "*I did not lead every aspect of this effort or conduct that document review myself. I delegated oversight over this process to Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche.*"<sup>2</sup> During questioning, Ms. Bondi invoked Mr. Blanche's name more than 30 times, pointing to him as the person responsible for DOJ's actions involving the review, withholding, and botched release of Epstein-related records. Ms. Bondi also indicated that it was Mr. Blanche's decision to conduct the highly unusual interview of Ghislaine Maxwell—an interview that preceded her suspicious transfer to a minimum-security facility in violation of standing BOP policy.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> *Bondi Shifts Responsibility for Epstein Files' Release to Todd Blanche, Making Him Democrats' Next Target*, Politico (May 29, 2026) (online at [www.politico.com/news/2026/05/29/pam-bondi-epstein-files-congress-testimony-00942272](http://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/29/pam-bondi-epstein-files-congress-testimony-00942272)) (emphasis added).

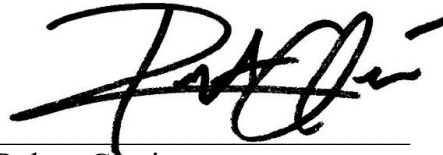
<sup>3</sup> Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026); *see also* Letter from Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, Committee on the Judiciary, and Ranking Member Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to Attorney General Pam Bondi, Department of Justice (Jan. 22, 2026) (online at <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-01-22-raskin-rgarcia-to-bondi-doj-re-fpc-bryan.pdf>).

Ms. Bondi also frequently named FBI Director Patel as having a role in the collection and release of Epstein-related materials. By Ms. Bondi's own account, Director Patel was involved in locating, reviewing, and possibly redacting FBI records relating to Jeffrey Epstein. Ms. Bondi even raised concerns that the FBI had previously withheld material from the DOJ.

Given the deep involvement of Director Patel and Mr. Blanche, the Committee cannot credibly continue its investigation without their videotaped, transcribed testimony. A closed-door, off the record briefing will not suffice for either of these officials, and any refusal by the federal government to produce these officials for interviews must be met with compulsory process.<sup>4</sup> Epstein's survivors and the American people are entitled to transparency into the government's handling of the Epstein files, and they deserve to view the interviews on video released by the Committee, as you have done with numerous other witnesses this Congress.<sup>5</sup>

Accordingly, we request that you immediately schedule videotaped, transcribed interviews of Acting Attorney General Blanche and FBI Director Patel, with the video and transcript promptly released to the public consistent with redaction only to protect Epstein's survivors. Anything less would amount to another effort to protect DOJ's central decisionmakers from accountability, deny justice to Epstein's survivors, and conceal the truth from the American people.

Sincerely,



Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member

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<sup>4</sup> *House Democrats Walk Out of Tense Briefing with Bondi Over Epstein Files, Calling It a "Fake Hearing"*, CBS News (Mar. 18, 2026) (online at [www.cbsnews.com/news/house-democrats-walk-out-bondi-epstein/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/house-democrats-walk-out-bondi-epstein/)).

<sup>5</sup> *See, e.g.*, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Republicans, *Press Release: Oversight Committee Releases Bill and Hillary Clinton Deposition Videos* (Mar. 2, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/oversight-committee-releases-bill-and-hillary-clinton-deposition-videos/>); YouTube, *The Deposition of Ghislaine Maxwell on the Epstein Probe*, (Feb. 9, 2026) (online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhK5Ygh-EfY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhK5Ygh-EfY)); Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Republicans, *Press Release: Oversight Committee Releases Richard Kahn and Darren Indyke Deposition Videos* (Mar. 24, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/oversight-committee-releases-richard-kahn-and-darren-indyke-deposition-videos/>); Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Republicans, *Press Release: Oversight Committee Releases Les Wexner Deposition Video* (Feb. 19, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/oversight-committee-releases-les-wexner-deposition-video/>).