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Mr. David M. Solomon
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Dear Mr. Solomon:

In the wake of Kathryn Ruemmler's testimony before this Committee last month, I call on Goldman Sachs to definitively sever all remaining ties with Ms. Ruemmler and commit that no one connected to Jeffrey Epstein or Ghislaine Maxwell will succeed her as the firm's general counsel, a position Ms. Ruemmler herself refused to endorse.

Ms. Ruemmler's testimony before the Committee was nothing short of shocking, clearly demonstrating a refusal to take accountability for her conduct. While Ms. Ruemmler could not remember the details of her brief call with Mr. Epstein on the day of his arrest, she managed to describe her first call with him five years earlier with remarkable clarity.¹ Over the course of her interview, Goldman Sachs's senior counselor attacked Virginia Roberts Giuffre, a courageous survivor of Mr. Epstein's and Ms. Maxwell's abuse who tragically died by suicide last year.² Ms. Ruemmler confirmed that she and Mr. Epstein joked about his history of sexual abuse and about trafficking the women in his orbit.³ She also confirmed that she knew Mr. Epstein was a registered sex offender. When asked if she considered the propriety of accepting a massage Mr. Epstein purchased for her, she replied "there was no reason not to accept it." However, she made an "effort to express, you know, some empathy and support" for Mr. Epstein when he received negative media coverage.⁴

Ms. Ruemmler's evasive testimony also revealed that her efforts to shield Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell while discrediting their victims were far more extensive than she has previously acknowledged.⁵ For example, she testified that she never provided legal services "of

¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Kathryn H. Ruemmler (July 15, 2026).

² *Epstein Accuser's Family Blasts Former Obama White House Lawyer Who Said Her Assertions "Lacked Inherent Credibility,"* CNN (July 30, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/07/29/politics/kathy-ruemmler-epstein).

³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Kathryn H. Ruemmler (July 15, 2026).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ "Rehashed crap": Former Obama White House attorney dismissed report on abuse allegations and

any kind” to Ms. Maxwell but struggled to explain evidence of her involvement in Ms. Maxwell’s defense against Ms. Giuffre’s defamation suit, which included coaching Mr. Epstein on how to set a “perjury trap.”⁶

Throughout the interview, Ms. Ruemmler showed a shocking disrespect for Ms. Giuffre. Ms. Ruemmler, who until very recently chaired Goldman Sachs’s firmwide conduct committee, said Ms. Giuffre’s allegations of abuse were “generic,” “implausible,” and “lacked inherent credibility.” Ms. Ruemmler would not even acknowledge that Ms. Giuffre was a victim of Mr. Epstein’s and Ms. Maxwell’s abuse.⁷

Ms. Ruemmler’s testimony also raised serious concerns about Goldman Sachs’s response to information related to her relationship with Mr. Epstein. Ms. Ruemmler told the Committee that she disclosed her connection to Mr. Epstein before she was hired and then provided the firm with additional information in 2023, 2025, and 2026. When asked if you, as CEO, expressed any concerns to her about her ties to Mr. Epstein, she replied “I wouldn’t characterize them as concerns.” When asked if anyone at Goldman Sachs raised concerns about her serving on the firm’s reputational risk and code of conduct committees, she said “no, and I can’t imagine why they would have.”⁸

Ms. Ruemmler should not serve as a Goldman Sachs executive in any capacity. As one survivor recently testified: “When institutions prioritize protecting the powerful and their enablers over protecting victims, individuals like Jeffrey become normalized. If we continue down this path, the question isn’t whether the abuse will happen again, but who? Who is the next Jeffrey Epstein?”⁹

I expect that you will reply to my letter by August 21, 2026, by announcing that Goldman Sachs has severed all ties with Ms. Ruemmler and that the next general counsel will not have any connections to Mr. Epstein or Ms. Maxwell. I look forward to your reply.

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 request.

advised Epstein media strategy, CNN (Dec. 11, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/12/11/politics/kfile-kathy-ruemmler-epstein-emails-epstein-files-invs-vis); *Goldman Sachs Grapples With Top Lawyer’s Epstein Problem*, Wall Street Journal (Jan. 19, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/finance/goldman-sachs-ruemmler-epstein-8c8255fd).

⁶ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Kathryn Ruemmler (July 15, 2026).

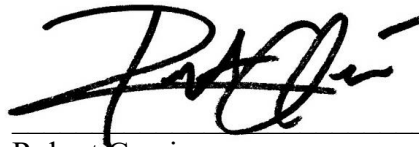
⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Testimony of Dani Bensky, “Survivors Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein’s Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World,” Congressional Record, E490 (May 26, 2026) (online at www.congress.gov/119/crec/2026/05/26/172/89/CREC-2026-05-26-pt1-PgE490.pdf).

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Sincerely,

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

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman