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The Honorable James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
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Dear Chairman Comer:

Last month, you stated publicly that you wanted then-Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche to testify in the Committee's investigation of Jeffrey Epstein "as soon as his confirmation is completed."¹ We share your position that Attorney General Blanche's testimony is critical to advancing our investigation. Mr. Blanche is responsible for numerous violations of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, including the release of personally identifying information that put Epstein survivors in danger. He also played a central role in crafting the White House's coverup of the Epstein files, alongside senior administration officials like Vice President JD Vance, Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, and FBI Director Kash Patel.² Despite this, Senate Republicans capitulated to the President and confirmed Mr. Blanche as attorney general on August 8, 2026.

To date, Oversight Democrats have received no indication that Attorney General Blanche has agreed to appear before our Committee.³ Though Mr. Blanche should have appeared before our Committee for testimony *before* he was confirmed as attorney general, we request that you immediately compel Attorney General Blanche to answer questions before the Committee about the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Epstein investigation, files release, and related matters. Mr. Blanche's testimony should be public or videotaped and promptly released to the American people.

¹ *House Oversight Leaders Eager to Hear from Todd Blanche*, Politico (July 15, 2026) (online at www.politico.com/live-updates/2026/07/15/congress/house-oversight-waiting-on-blanche-00998904).

² Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Final-Bondi-Transcript.pdf>); *Inside the White House Freakout Over the Epstein Files*, New York Times (June 10, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/06/10/magazine/trump-epstein-files-white-house-vance-doj.html).

³ *Todd Blanche is Narrowly Confirmed as Trump's Attorney General in an Overnight Senate Vote*, AP News (Aug. 8, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/senate-blanche-attorney-general-justice-department-fcb4157d45d7b13a05de4d2b0f4f92e2>).

In her testimony before the Committee, former Attorney General Pam Bondi repeatedly directed Epstein-related questions to then-Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche.⁴ Ms. Bondi invoked Mr. Blanche's name more than 30 times, pointing to him as the person responsible for overseeing DOJ's review, withholding, and botched release of Epstein-related records.⁵ According to Ms. Bondi, it was also Mr. Blanche's idea to conduct a highly unusual two-day interview with convicted sex trafficker Ghislaine Maxwell, after which Ms. Maxwell was transferred to a more luxurious, less secure facility in apparent violation of BOP policy.⁶ Ms. Bondi claimed to have learned of the transfer after the fact, raising serious questions about Mr. Blanche's responsibility for Ms. Maxwell's favorable treatment.⁷ Further, as attorney general, Mr. Blanche now bears full responsibility for DOJ's continuing failure to comply with the subpoena issued by this Committee for the complete Epstein files.

The Committee's interest in Mr. Blanche is especially urgent given his recent comments demonstrating a distorted view of the Justice Department's core responsibilities. Since his confirmation, Mr. Blanche has explicitly refused to commit to "always act independently" of White House direction, in a shocking departure from decades of DOJ policy.⁸ As you know, Mr. Blanche previously served as President Trump's personal attorney, and his comments only heighten concerns that Mr. Blanche will manage DOJ's work—including the Epstein case—for the benefit of President Trump personally, and not the American people. Many Americans already believe that DOJ has sought to cover up the Epstein files to protect President Trump.⁹ Mr. Blanche must directly address these concerns for the American public.

Given the depth of Mr. Blanche's involvement in and the breadth of his knowledge about DOJ's actions related to Jeffrey Epstein, the Committee cannot credibly complete its investigation without his videotaped, transcribed testimony. To ensure justice and transparency for the Epstein survivors and the American people, we urge you to schedule such testimony without delay.

⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Final-Bondi-Transcript.pdf>).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*; Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Warden Dr. Tanisha Hall, Federal Prison Camp Bryan (Oct. 30, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-30.garcia-to-fpc-bryan-warden-re-maxwell.pdf>).

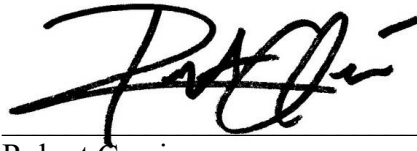
⁷ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Pamela J. Bondi (May 29, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Final-Bondi-Transcript.pdf>).

⁸ *Blanche Refuses to Say He'll Always Be Independent of Trump as Attorney General*, New York Times (Aug. 16, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/08/16/us/politics/blanche-trump-attorney-general-justice-department.html).

⁹ *Half of Americans Think Donald Trump Was Involved in Jeffrey Epstein's Alleged Crimes*, YouGov (Feb. 10, 2026) (online at <https://yougov.com/en-us/articles/54077-half-americans-think-donald-trump-involved-jeffrey-epstein-alleged-crimes-february-6-9-2026-economist-yougov-poll>).

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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