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Dear Mr. Ruzumna, Mr. Weiner, and Mr. Moskowitz:

As President Trump continues his desperate attempts to quell public interest in the release of files related to his longtime friend, convicted sex offender, and child sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein, we write with deep concern regarding potential public corruption, abuse of power, and failures in the federal law enforcement response to the Epstein case. Recent public reporting indicates that the Estate of Jeffrey Epstein is in possession of a document commonly referred to as “the birthday book,” compiled by Ghislaine Maxwell in 2003 in celebration of Mr. Epstein’s 50th birthday, which has clear relevance to this case.<sup>1</sup> To assist in bringing transparency and accountability, we request that you provide a complete, unredacted copy of the 2003 “birthday book” no later than August 10, 2025, which may provide information essential to further our constitutionally obligated congressional oversight efforts.

Public reporting indicates that President Trump submitted a poem and drawing for the “birthday book,” which contains messages and illustrations from wealthy and powerful friends and associates of Jeffrey Epstein.<sup>2</sup> The book is relevant for ongoing congressional oversight of the Department of Justice’s handling of the Epstein investigation and prosecution, as well as the Trump Administration’s decision to declassify and release only a handful of documents from its Epstein files while withholding others from the public.<sup>3</sup> In addition, the Committee on Oversight

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<sup>1</sup> *Jeffrey Epstein’s Friends Sent Him Bawdy Letters for a 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Album. One Was From Donald Trump*, Wall Street Journal (July 17, 2025) (online at [www.wsj.com/politics/trump-jeffrey-epstein-birthday-letter-we-have-certain-things-in-common-f918d796](https://www.wsj.com/politics/trump-jeffrey-epstein-birthday-letter-we-have-certain-things-in-common-f918d796)).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Epstein’s Estate Includes Book Said to Have Note From Trump, a Lawyer Says*, New York Times (July 24, 2025) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2025/07/24/us/politics/epstein-trump-birthday-book.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/24/us/politics/epstein-trump-birthday-book.html)); see also Committee on Oversight and Reform Democrats, *Press Release: Is Trump Suppressing The Epstein Files? Task Force Ranking Member Garcia and Acting Ranking Member Lynch Demand the Truth for the American People* (June 5, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/trump-suppressing-epstein-files->

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and Government Reform has issued a subpoena to depose Ms. Maxwell, the book's alleged creator, and should be permitted to review its contents.<sup>4</sup> Information gathered from this document may also inform the development of legislative reforms addressing sex trafficking networks, financial regulation, or other critical matters of public policy.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. 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 request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member



Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

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<sup>4</sup> Letter from The Honorable James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Ghislaine Maxwell (July 23, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025.07.23-Subpoena-Cover-Letter-to-Maxwell-FINAL.pdf>).