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The Honorable William K. Marshall III
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Director Marshall:

I write with concern regarding the Federal Bureau of Prison's (BOP) sudden decision to transfer Ghislaine Maxwell, a convicted sex trafficker and key associate of Jeffrey Epstein, from a federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida, to prison camp Bryan in Bryan, Texas—a facility with far fewer restrictions and security measures. The favorable change to the conditions of Ms. Maxwell's incarceration—despite being denied bail on three occasions for posing an “extreme risk of flight”—raises possibility that the Trump Administration and the Bureau of Prisons may be affording Ms. Maxwell preferential treatment in an effort to shape or distort her testimony about Jeffrey Epstein.¹ This suspicious transfer occurs shortly after several days of high-profile secret meetings between Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Blanche, Donald Trump's former personal lawyer, and Ms. Maxwell, which has already prompted serious concerns that the Department of Justice (DOJ) could be attempting to interfere with a congressional investigation.² Further, any attempt to interfere with a witness's recollection of the truth would represent a profound abuse of power and a threat to the integrity of the justice system. In an effort to provide complete transparency to the American people, we demand that BOP work quickly to provide our committee with the facts regarding the rationale and circumstances behind Ms. Maxwells' abrupt transfer to a less restrictive facility.

On July 22 and 23, 2025, Oversight Committee Democrats and Republicans worked together to authorize subpoenas to obtain sworn testimony from Ghislaine Maxwell and compel DOJ to turn over the full and complete Epstein files, redacted only to protect the identities,

¹ *Ghislaine Maxwell Is Denied Bail by Judge Who Calls Her a Flight Risk*, New York Times (July 14, 2020) (online at www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/nyregion/ghislaine-maxwell-bail.html); *Ghislaine Maxwell Loses Latest Bail Request*, Reuters (June 2, 2021) (online at www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/ghislaine-maxwell-loses-latest-bail-request-2021-06-02/).

² *Ghislaine Maxwell Received Limited Immunity During Meetings with Deputy Attorney General: Sources*, ABC News (July 25, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/deputy-ag-blanche-set-meet-2nd-day-ghislaine/story?id=124064062>).

safety, and privacy of the victims.³ This subpoena was necessitated by a complete lack of transparency into the Epstein matter by the Trump Administration, which has so far refused to provide the American people with adequate information promised during the 2024 presidential race.⁴ In particular, DAG Blanche, a former personal attorney to Donald Trump, and Attorney General (AG) Pam Bondi made their agenda of secrecy clear when they released a sparse July 2025 memorandum in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation asserted no additional Epstein files would be released and stated, in a wild reversal, that there is no client list or additional evidence to produce to the public.⁵ This marked a sudden about-face that contradicts AG Bondi's own statements confirming the existence of a client list.⁶ Concerningly, this change in posture which appears to have occurred after President Trump was made aware in May that his name appears in the Epstein files on numerous occasions.⁷

In his Senate confirmation hearing, DAG Blanche confirmed that he would maintain a "continuing duty of loyalty and confidentiality" to President Trump due to their pre-existing attorney-client relationship.⁸ DAG Blanche's interviews with Ms. Maxwell may be an attempt to protect the President from political backlash over the Epstein investigation. This concern is reinforced by Ms. Maxwell's demonstrated interest in a presidential pardon.⁹ On July 25 and 28, 2025, Trump pointed out that he is "allowed" to grant the convicted child sex trafficker a pardon and did not rule out the possibility of doing so, which risks enticing her to lie to increase her chances of obtaining such a pardon.¹⁰

According to the prosecutors and judge who worked on Ms. Maxwell's 2021 criminal trial, she "brazenly lie[d] under oath about her conduct, which suggested that "her true motive

³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats, Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, *Ranking Member Summer Lee Challenges Republicans with Motion to Subpoena Epstein Files* (July 23, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-summer-lee-challenges-republicans-motion-subpoena-epstein-files>).

⁴ *What Trump Has Said About Jeffrey Epstein Over the Years, Including on 2024 Campaign*, ABC (July 16, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-jeffrey-epstein-years-including-2024-campaign-trail/story?id=123778541>).

⁵ Memorandum from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (July 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

⁶ *Bondi Says Epstein Client List 'Sitting on My Desk Right Now,' and Is Reviewing JFK, MLK Files*, Fox News (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at www.foxnews.com/politics/bondi-says-epstein-client-list-sitting-my-desk-right-now-reviewing-jfk-mlk-files).

⁷ *Justice Department Told Trump in May That His Name is Among Many in the Epstein Files*, Wall Street Journal (July 23, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/justice-department-told-trump-name-in-epstein-files-727a8038).

⁸ *How Trump's Personal Attorney Wound Up Investigating the Epstein Case at DOJ*, Washington Post (July 31, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/07/31/todd-blanche-trump-epstein-interview/).

⁹ *Ghislaine Maxwell Wants Immunity Before She Will Testify to Congress*, Washington Post (July 29, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/07/29/ghislaine-maxwell-wants-immunity-questions-advance-testify-congress/).

¹⁰ *Trump Again Doesn't Rule Out Pardoning Ghislaine Maxwell*, CNN (July 28, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-trade-deal-news-07-28-25).

has been and remains to avoid being held accountable for her crimes.”¹¹ In its sentencing memorandum, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York wrote that Ms. Maxwell “lied repeatedly about her crimes, exhibited an utter failure to accept responsibility, and demonstrated repeated disrespect for the law and the Court.”¹² One of Ms. Maxwell’s victims, Virginia Giuffre, reportedly stated that “[Maxwell is] definitely worse than Epstein. She used that charm, that wit, that smile to come off as somebody you want to trust.”¹³

In light of these facts, I am deeply concerned that the Trump Administration and BOP are providing favorable treatment to Ms. Maxwell in an effort to manipulate her stated recollection of the facts relating to Jeffrey Epstein. Congress will not tolerate a coverup or accept interference with our constitutional oversight responsibilities. Accordingly, we request that BOP provide the following information and materials to the Committee no later than August 15, 2025:

1. The specific rationale for, decision to, and circumstances regarding Ghislaine Maxwell’s transfer from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
2. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to the transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
3. All documents, communications, and other materials between the BOP, DOJ, White House, Office of the President, and any other federal department, agency, or office, regarding the transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
4. All documents, communications, and other materials regarding DAG Blanche’s meeting with Ghislaine Maxwell on July 24 and 25, 2025, to include any accommodations made by BOP to facilitate this meeting or secure her cooperation;
5. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to conversations, negotiations, bargains, deals, or arrangements made with Ghislaine Maxwell relating to her transfer from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan; and
6. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to BOP’s custody of Ghislaine Maxwell, to include but not limited to any and all presentence reports

¹¹ *Can Ghislaine Maxwell Be Trusted to Tell the Truth About Jeffrey Epstein?*, NBC News (July 24, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/will-ghislaine-maxwell-tell-truth-investigators-rcna216872).

¹² Sentencing Memorandum, *United States v. Maxwell*, No. 1:20-cr-00330-AJN (S.D.N.Y. June 22, 2025) (online at https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.539612/gov.uscourts.nysd.539612.670.0_1.pdf).

¹³ *Ghislaine Maxwell More Evil Than Epstein, Says Virginia Giuffre*, The Guardian (Dec. 30, 2021) (online at www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/dec/30/ghislaine-maxwell-more-evil-than-epstein-says-virginia-giuffre).

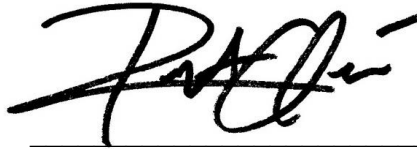
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and documentation relating to her history, behavior, and activity while an inmate at any federal correctional facility.

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 on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 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