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The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

Earlier this week, the Supreme Court declined to consider Ghislaine Maxwell's appeal of her federal conviction for her role in recruiting and grooming minor girls for sexual abuse by Jeffrey Epstein and others.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the subpoena previously issued to Maxwell by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in an effort to expeditiously continue the investigation into Jeffrey Epstein and his co-conspirators, I urge you to immediately schedule Maxwell's deposition with the Committee.<sup>2</sup>

As you are aware, on July 22, 2025, the Subcommittee on Government Operations voted to approve a motion directing the Committee to authorize and issue a subpoena for Ghislaine Maxwell's deposition, and a subpoena was issued shortly thereafter.<sup>3</sup> In response, Maxwell's attorneys requested that her appearance before the Committee be postponed until after the resolution of her pending appeal to the Supreme Court, in which she argued that the "sweetheart deal" and non-prosecution agreement granted to Epstein in 2007 attached to her indictment and protected her from being federally charged in relation to crimes she committed with Epstein.<sup>4</sup> In

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<sup>1</sup> *Supreme Court Rejects Appeal from Ghislaine Maxwell, Imprisoned Former Girlfriend of Jeffrey Epstein*, Associated Press (Oct. 6, 2025) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-epstein-maxwell-appeal-a4ba832cd2a23a2c499cef23f1e30927>).

<sup>2</sup> The ongoing lapse in appropriations should not be an obstacle to continuing our Committee's essential investigative duties, and the Committee must work on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Bureau of Prisons facilitates Maxwell's deposition immediately.

<sup>3</sup> Subcommittee on Government Operations, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Hearing on Bid Protest Reform: Understanding the Problem* (July 22, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/bid-protest-reform-understanding-the-problem/>); *House Oversight Committee Subpoenas the Justice Department for Epstein Files*, NPR (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at [www.npr.org/2025/08/05/nx-s1-5493371/house-oversight-committee-epstein-subpoenas-justice-department](http://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/nx-s1-5493371/house-oversight-committee-epstein-subpoenas-justice-department)); Letter from Chairman James Comer, 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>).

<sup>4</sup> Letter from David Oscar Markus, Markus Moss PLLC, to Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (July 29, 2025); *Supreme Court Rejects Appeal from Ghislaine Maxwell, Imprisoned Former Girlfriend of Jeffrey Epstein*, Associated Press (Oct. 6, 2025) (online at

light of her pending appeal, the Committee agreed to postpone Maxwell's deposition until after the Court's determination.<sup>5</sup>

On Monday, the Supreme Court rejected Maxwell's appeal.<sup>6</sup>

Maxwell's crimes and her central role in Epstein's sex trafficking operation position her as a critical witness with knowledge relevant and fundamental to this Committee's investigation. Indeed, in correspondence with Maxwell's attorneys, you stated that her testimony "is vital to the Committee's efforts regarding Mr. Jeffrey Epstein," and noted that "it is imperative that Congress conduct oversight of the federal government's enforcement of sex trafficking laws generally and specifically its handling of the investigation and prosecution of [Maxwell] and Mr. Epstein."<sup>7</sup> On October 7, when asked by CNN's Jake Tapper about President Trump's recent statement regarding a potential pardon of Maxwell, you said clearly that based on "conversations that I've had with some of the victims of Epstein and Maxwell, that I can say with confidence, I would strongly discourage any type of pardon or commutation of Maxwell."<sup>8</sup> I unequivocally agree, and I hope that you will stand by your statements and uphold the Committee's commitment to transparency and to the victims of Epstein's horrific abuse. Further, the Committee must be vigilant to ensure that Maxwell's testimony is truthful, factual, and complete, and that she is held accountable for any misrepresentations made to the Committee.<sup>9</sup>

Accordingly, and pursuant to the subpoena issued by this Committee, I urge you to immediately schedule the deposition of Ghislaine Maxwell.

Sincerely,



Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member

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<https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-epstein-maxwell-appeal-a4ba832cd2a23a2c499cef23f1e30927>).

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Ghislaine Maxwell (Aug. 1, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> *Supreme Court Rejects Appeal from Ghislaine Maxwell, Imprisoned Former Girlfriend of Jeffrey Epstein*, Associated Press (Oct. 6, 2025) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-epstein-maxwell-appeal-a4ba832cd2a23a2c499cef23f1e30927>).

<sup>7</sup> Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Ghislaine Maxwell (Aug. 1, 2025); Letter from Chairman James Comer, 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>).

<sup>8</sup> *James Comer Warns Trump Against Pardoning Jeffrey Epstein Associate: 'I Would Strongly Discourage' It*, Mediaite (Oct. 7, 2025) (online at [www.yahoo.com/news/articles/james-comer-warns-trump-against-220830720.html](http://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/james-comer-warns-trump-against-220830720.html)).

<sup>9</sup> See *Can Ghislaine Maxwell Be Trusted To Tell the Truth About Jeffrey Epstein?*, NBC (July 24, 2025) (online at [www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/will-ghislaine-maxwell-tell-truth-investigators-rcna216872](http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/will-ghislaine-maxwell-tell-truth-investigators-rcna216872)) ("After her arrest, Maxwell was also charged with two counts of perjury alleging she made false statements in a deposition under oath in the 2016 civil case.").