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October 16, 2025

The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

I write to express grave concern about the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) ongoing refusal to provide Congress with meaningful information about the Jeffrey Epstein investigation and the deeply troubling reports of preferential treatment for his co-conspirator, Ghislaine Maxwell. Specifically, I am alarmed by: (1) DOJ's refusal for nearly two months to provide substantive information regarding progress producing files relating to Jeffrey Epstein; and (2) the now months-long failure by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to respond to urgent and deeply troubling questions concerning the preferential treatment that BOP has accorded to convicted sex offender Ghislaine Maxwell. Taken together, these failures heighten suspicion of a cover-up of Epstein-related information by the DOJ and Trump Administration. We will not tolerate defiance of lawful congressional subpoenas, or any effort by the DOJ to collude with Ghislaine Maxwell to further a cover-up.

Although Chairman Comer issued a subpoena to DOJ on August 5, 2025—over three months ago—DOJ has made no production of Epstein-related materials to the Committee since August 22, 2025.¹ Since that time, the House of Representatives passed H.Res. 668, a measure expressing support for the investigation into the Jeffrey Epstein matter and the subpoenas issued by the Committee.² Even so, your response to our bipartisan subpoena has been completely insufficient. The only production of documents by DOJ consisted almost entirely of documents that were either already public or in the Committee's possession. Despite multiple requests from Committee staff for an accounting of materials still within DOJ's possession or plans to produce additional materials, DOJ has failed to provide any substantive or insightful information as to when the Committee may expect further productions of documents.³

¹ Subpoena to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.05-Subpoena-and-Schedule-to-DOJ.pdf>).

² H.Res. 668.

³ Emails from Committee Staff to Department of Justice dated Aug. 22, 2025, Aug. 26, 2025, Sept. 10, 2025, and Oct. 8, 2025 (on file with Committee).

DOJ's delay in complying with the Committee's subpoena and its refusal to communicate with Committee staff are, quite plainly, inconsistent with the Trump Administration's stated "commitment to transparency and lifting the veil on the disgusting actions of Jeffrey Epstein and his co-conspirators."⁴ Instead, your actions raise serious concerns that you are working actively to conceal key details of the Epstein matter from the American people.

These concerns are compounded by your ongoing handling of Ghislaine Maxwell's case and your refusal to cooperate with our investigation into her preferential treatment. BOP has failed to respond to Committee requests for information pertaining to Ms. Maxwell, and BOP appears to be obstructing Congress from receiving information relevant to an ongoing investigation. This past July, shortly after two days of highly unusual meetings between Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Blanche, Donald Trump's former personal lawyer, and Maxwell, during which Ms. Maxwell made statements purporting to exonerate President Trump, BOP suddenly transferred Ms. Maxwell from a federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida, to a minimum security prison camp in Bryan, Texas—despite the fact that a federal judge had previously denied Ms. Maxwell bail for posing an "extreme risk of flight" and the fact that such transfers for sex offenders are at odds with standard BOP policy.⁵

Given her attorney's repeated urging that the Trump Administration grant Ms. Maxwell a pardon—a step that President Trump has refused to rule out—the suspicious timing of Ms. Maxwell's transfer and apparent preferential treatment at Federal Prison Camp Bryan heightens already grave concerns about the possibility of a *quid pro quo* from the Trump Administration in exchange for her favorable testimony.⁶

Accordingly, I requested by letter to the BOP Director dated August 1, 2025, that BOP provide to the Oversight Committee, no later than August 15, 2025, information and documents relevant to the transfer of Ms. Maxwell to Camp Bryan.⁷ A copy of that letter is attached hereto. Although I made those requests to BOP some ten weeks ago, BOP has to date made no production and provided no information responsive to them. Moreover, following outreach from

⁴ Department of Justice, *Press Release: Attorney General Pamela Bondi Releases First Phase of Declassified Epstein Files* (Feb. 27, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-pamela-bondi-releases-first-phase-declassified-epstein-files).

⁵ *Ghislaine Maxwell, Who Wants a Pardon, Says She Never Saw Trump "In Any Inappropriate Setting,"* Politico (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.politico.com/news/2025/08/22/ghislaine-maxwell-jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump-interview-00520352); *Ghislaine Maxwell's Move to "Country Club" Prison Smacks of Special Treatment, Experts Say*, Washington Post (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/08/05/trump-epstein-maxwell-sex-trafficking-prisons-corrections/); *Ghislaine Maxwell Is Denied Bail by Judge Who Calls Her a Flight Risk*, New York Times (Oct. 22, 2021) (online at www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/nyregion/ghislaine-maxwell-bail.html).

⁶ *Supreme Court Rejects Epstein Associate Ghislaine Maxwell's Appeal of Her Criminal Conviction*, NBC News (Oct. 6, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-rejects-epstein-associate-ghislaine-maxwells-appeal-crim-rcna233281).

⁷ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to The Hon. William K. Marshall III (Aug. 1, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-08-01-rg-to-bop-director-marshall-re-maxwell.pdf>).

Committee staff as to the status of BOP's response. Incredibly, BOP replied only that its response is "under review," and that BOP is "not able to provide ... an estimate as to when it will be cleared."⁸

Since my original request, additional troubling details have emerged concerning BOP's overtly favorable treatment of Ms. Maxwell, potential interaction with Trump Administration officials, and possible attempts by BOP to cover up those facts. Last weekend, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that in mid-August, while other inmates at Camp Bryan were confined to their dormitories, Ms. Maxwell met with "several visitors" in the Camp's chapel, and returned to her dormitory from the meeting "with a smile on her face," reporting to one inmate that "it went really well[.]"⁹ Current and former inmates also reported that "Maxwell appeared to receive unusually favorable treatment at times," including having guards deliver meals to her in her dormitory room, being escorted to the Camp's recreation area for late-night workouts, and being permitted to shower after other inmates were confined to their bunks in the evening.¹⁰

Perhaps most alarmingly, the *Journal* further reported that the Camp warden threatened to retaliate against inmates who communicated with the press about Ms. Maxwell by sending them to "a harsher facility," and that BOP in fact took retaliatory measures against at least two inmates who spoke with reporters.¹¹ This account suggests that BOP personnel may be taking steps to cover up its preferential treatment of Ms. Maxwell, as well as prevent possible interactions between Ms. Maxwell and the Trump Administration from coming to light.

The ongoing refusal by DOJ and BOP to provide Congress with information related to Epstein and Maxwell demonstrates the Trump Administration's contempt for providing transparency to the American people about Epstein's crimes. The interests of ensuring that justice is done for the victims of Epstein's and Maxwell's horrific crimes and of protecting the integrity of the U.S. justice system urgently demand that the Trump Administration live up to its stated commitment and provide responsive information to this Committee immediately.

I reiterate the requests in my August 1, 2025, letter to BOP, and further request that DOJ provide the following additional documents and information no later than October 30, 2025:

1. Immediately provide the Committee with a timeline as to when the Committee may expect the next production of information responsive to the Committee's subpoena, as well as a comprehensive accounting of documentation within DOJ's possession withheld from production;

⁸ Email from BOP Office of Legislative Affairs to Oversight Committee Minority Staff (Oct. 14, 2025) (on file with Committee).

⁹ *Lockdowns and a Mysterious Meeting: A Quiet Texas Prison Adapts to Life With Ghislaine Maxwell*, Wall Street Journal (Oct. 11, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/ghislaine-maxwell-prison-transfer-epstein-b5efd6ac?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAGmcKUCEhLRMuXLAETg0tBYj-q-XkMatzcKtignoaKA0Cd6D_VoUr3tD4kbB7A%3D&gaa_ts=68ee75b6&gaa_sig=JM59UeSzCCSEFl8jq8fTruPIL2aogCgpVdV6mhuSfNT4a0kYKTH0HVipOO_FPl8rHSFk_QKINzANJ4CEiinBiw%3D%3D).

¹⁰ *Id.*

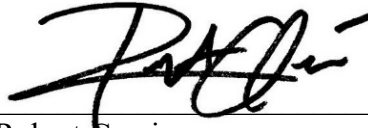
¹¹ *Id.*

2. Identify with respect to Ghislaine Maxwell's mid-August 2025 meeting in the Federal Prison Camp Bryan chapel reported in the October 11, 2025, *Wall Street Journal* piece cited above: (a) the names of all individuals present at that meeting; (b) the respective titles of each of the foregoing individuals; and (c) the purpose(s) and subject(s) of the meeting;
3. State whether the meeting identified in the foregoing request involved discussion of a potential or actual pardon or other form of clemency for Ghislaine Maxwell, and if so, identify the substance of the discussion and outcome of the meeting;
4. Provide all documents, communications, and other materials relating to the meeting identified in request (1) above, including, but not limited to, any communications with the White House or any other component of the Trump Administration beyond BOP;
5. Identify any privileges, rights, liberties, access, or waivers from or decisions not to enforce BOP or Federal Prison Camp Bryan rules, policies, or procedures, that have been accorded to Maxwell, including, but not limited to, those described in the *Wall Street Journal* piece cited above;
6. Provide all documents, communications, and other materials relating to any privilege, right, liberty, access, or waiver described in the foregoing request;
7. State whether BOP, or any of its personnel, has provided any instruction, warning, or other communication, whether official or otherwise, to any BOP inmate regarding communications by inmates or BOP staff concerning Maxwell, including, but not limited to, those reported in the *Wall Street Journal* article cited above;
8. State whether BOP, or any of its personnel, has revoked or limited privileges of, transferred, punished, disciplined, or otherwise taken any adverse action against any BOP inmate as a result of that inmate's communicating with news media or any other person or entity outside the prison facility regarding Maxwell, including, but not limited to, the instances reported in the *Wall Street Journal* article cited above; and
9. Provide all documents, communications, and other materials concerning any action described in request (6) or (7) above.

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.

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Sincerely,

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Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

Enclosure

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August 1, 2025

The Honorable William K. Marshall III
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
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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).

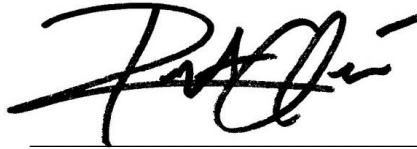
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and documentation relating to her history, behavior, and activity while an inmate at any federal correctional facility.

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Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

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