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The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director Patel and Attorney General Bondi,

We write with profound alarm at allegations that files relating to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein have not been declassified and released to the American public because they personally implicate President Trump. On June 5, 2025, Elon Musk, the former senior advisor to the President and head of the Department of Government Efficiency, a component of the Executive Office of the President, posted on the social media platform X: “**@realDonaldTrump is in the Epstein files. That is the real reason they have not been made public.**”¹ We ask that you immediately clarify whether this allegation is true and respond to this letter with the requested information and documentation.

Following President Trump’s January 23, 2025 executive order directing the declassification of federal records surrounding the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., Attorney General (AG) Bondi moved to release files relating to the criminal prosecutions of Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein’s close personal associate.² On February 27, 2025, AG Bondi released the first phase of these declassified Epstein files including multiple flight logs from Epstein’s personal plane and contact books kept by Epstein.³ These documents were subsequently released to the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets with extensive redactions.

Elon Musk, one of the President’s closest and most influential advisors, alleges that the President may be described in additional files related to this investigation. This allegation implies that the President may be involved in determining which files should be released and

¹ Musk says Trump is ‘in the Epstein files’ which is why they haven’t been made public in newest slam, Independent (Jun. 5, 2025) (online at www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-musk-feud-epstein-files-b2764693.html).

² Trump promised ‘full transparency’ over Epstein files. Are more documents coming?, Independent (online at www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-epstein-files-pam-bondi-virginia-giuffre-death-b2740239.html).

³ Department of Justice, Press Release: Attorney General Pamela Bondi Releases First Phase of Declassified Epstein Files (Feb. 11, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-pamela-bondi-releases-first-phase-declassified-epstein-files).

whether files will be withheld from the public if he personally chooses to withhold them. President Trump and his family were passengers on Jeffrey Epstein's personal airplane, according to flight logs released by AG Bondi in February 2025.⁴ President Trump, by his own admission, was close friends with Jeffrey Epstein, and Epstein was previously a guest at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.⁵ Any attempts to prevent the appropriate release of the Epstein files to shield the President from truth and accountability merits intense scrutiny by Congress and by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

On February 11, 2025, our Republican colleagues requested the declassification and release of documents in the possession of the DOJ related to the Epstein case.⁶ On May 8, 2025, Republican members of the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets expressed serious frustration with ongoing delays in releasing relevant documents.⁷ We agree with their conclusion that the release of these documents is long overdue. To assist in our investigation, we request the following information by June 20, 2025:

1. Provide a timeline for the Department's declassification and public release of all remaining documents pertaining to the investigation and prosecutions of convicted sex offenders Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell;
2. Describe why DOJ has failed to release any additional Epstein documents between February 27, 2025 and present, in response to the requests from Republican members of the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets;
3. Describe the role of President Donald Trump in reviewing documents pertaining to the investigation and prosecutions of convicted sex offenders Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, as well as his role in determining DOJ's ability to declassify and make public said documents; and
4. Provide a list of all personnel whose approval is required to facilitate the declassification and public release of the documents pertaining to the aforementioned investigation and prosecutions.

⁴ Department of Justice, *Press Release: Attorney General Pamela Bondi Releases First Phase of Declassified Epstein Files* (Feb. 11, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-pamela-bondi-releases-first-phase-declassified-epstein-files).

⁵ *Trump and Epstein: What the so-called 'Epstein Files' say about their relationship*, NBC News (Jul. 12, 2024) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-epstein-called-epstein-files-say-relationship-rcna161354).

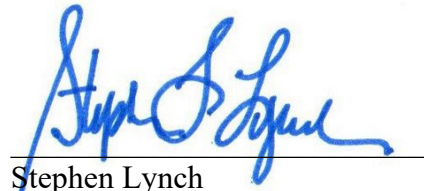
⁶ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chairman Comer Taps Luna to Lead Task Force on Declassification and Transparency* (Feb. 11, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/chairman-comer-taps-luna-to-lead-task-force-on-declassification-and-transparency/>).

⁷ Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, *Press Release: BREAKING: Declassification Task Force Demands AG Bondi Immediately Release Epstein Files, Client List* (May 9, 2025) (online at <https://luna.house.gov/posts/breaking-declassification-task-force-demands-ag-bondi-immediately-release-epstein-files-client-list>).

5. Explain why the documents previously released to the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets contained significant redactions.

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 request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen Lynch
Acting Ranking Member



Robert Garcia
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Task Force on the Declassification of
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cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

The Honorable Anna Paulina Luna, Chairwoman,
Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets