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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Director Patel:

Congratulations on your recent confirmation as the 9th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have no doubt that you will bring much-needed transparency to the FBI as you return the Bureau to its core mission of investigating crimes and keeping our nation safe. To that end, at your January 30, 2025, Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing, you committed to working with me in illuminating the full extent and scope of Jeffrey Epstein's international sex trafficking ring. The American people deserve to know exactly who was affiliated with this network.

As you know, over the course of many years, Jeffrey Epstein built a heinous global sex trafficking network that caused irreparable harm to countless women. Since Mr. Epstein's death in 2019, there is still much about this tragic case that is not known—including the names of his associates that are listed in the flight logs of his private jet and in Ghislaine Maxwell's "little black book." While some redacted portions of Epstein's flight logs and Maxwell's "little black book" have been released in various lawsuits,¹ it is paramount that the FBI provide full transparency to the American people and immediately release the complete, unredacted records in this case.²

Your predecessor, Director Wray, was unwilling to provide this crucially important transparency. In fact, despite informing me during his December 2023 appearance before the Judiciary Committee that he would "get with [his] team and figure out if there's more information we can provide" on the Epstein matter,³ Director Wray never provided any such follow-up information. Over a year has elapsed since then, and we still do not have all of the necessary information regarding Jeffrey Epstein's crimes.

¹ Sarah Fitzpatrick, Adam Reiss, & Tom Winter, *Last Batch of Unsealed Jeffrey Epstein Documents Released*, NBC NEWS (Jan. 9, 2024, 3:41 PM), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/last-batch-unsealed-jeffrey-epstein-documents-released-rcna132936>.

² It is important to note that the only names that should be protected are those of the women and children who Jeffrey Epstein and his associates trafficked and abused. Thus, where a minor victim is involved—and where other victims so wish—their names should remain redacted.

³ Senate Judiciary Committee, Hearing, *Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation* (Dec. 5, 2023), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/committee-activity/hearings/12/05/2023/oversight-of-the-federal-bureau-of-investigation>.

As noted above, you have committed to bringing transparency back to the FBI and rooting out the two-tiered system of justice that has operated there for far too long. Therefore, I respectfully request that you transmit to me and release to the American public the following records that are in the Bureau's possession:

1. The complete flight logs from Jeffrey Epstein's private jet and helicopter.
2. Any records that were in Ghislaine Maxwell's possession that contain the names of individuals associated with Ms. Maxwell or Mr. Epstein, including but not limited to Maxwell's "little black book."
3. All video surveillance footage from Jeffrey Epstein's Palm Beach, Florida, residence.
4. Any other documents, records, or memoranda related to the Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell matters.

This critical information identifying every individual who could have participated in Jeffrey Epstein's abhorrent conduct is long overdue. The survivors of Mr. Epstein's horrific crimes want transparency and accountability, and they—and the American people—deserve nothing less.

Thank you for your commitment to working with me on this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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