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The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III  
Former Director  
U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Mueller:

On July 23, 2025, the Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“Committee”) unanimously voted to approve a motion directing the Committee to authorize and issue a subpoena to you for a deposition.<sup>1</sup> During your tenure as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 2001 to 2013, the FBI investigated Jeffrey Epstein for sex crimes.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to this direction, please see the attached subpoena for you to appear at a deposition on September 2, 2025.

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On July 6, 2019, federal authorities arrested Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and two days later an indictment was unsealed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District for New York charging him with sex trafficking of minors and conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of minors.<sup>3</sup> According to the indictment, Mr. Epstein sexually exploited and abused dozens of minor girls at his homes in Manhattan, Palm Beach, and other locations.<sup>4</sup> Among other things, the indictment alleged that Mr. Epstein enticed girls as young as 14 years old to engage in sex acts with him in exchange for money.<sup>5</sup> This was not the first time that Mr. Epstein had been investigated for committing sex crimes. When you were FBI Director, an FBI investigation of Mr. Epstein led to an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida preparing a draft 60-count indictment of Mr. Epstein in 2007.<sup>6</sup> However, the next year, Mr. Epstein pled guilty in Florida state court to two prostitution offenses, and, in exchange, he and his co-conspirators received immunity from federal prosecution through a non-prosecution agreement.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Catch and Release, Lose and Forget: Addressing the Crisis of Unaccompanied Alien Children – Part I, Hearing Before Subcomm. on Federal Law Enforcement*, 119<sup>th</sup> Cong. 1 (July 23, 2025) (Voice Vote on Motion to Direct the Committee to Authorize and Issue a Subpoena for Robert Mueller to Appear for a Deposition).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Dep’t of Just., Off. of Pro. Resp., Executive Summary of Report, *Investigation into the U.S. Atty’s Off. for the SDFL’s Resolution of Its 2006-2008 Federal Criminal Investigation of Jeffrey Epstein and Its Interactions with Victims during the Investigation* (Nov. 2020).

<sup>3</sup> Press Release, U.S. Dep’t of Just., *Jeffery Epstein Charged In Manhattan Federal Court With Sex Trafficking Of Minors* (July 8, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> See Indictment, *United States v. Epstein*, 19 Crim. 490 (S.D.N.Y. 2019), at ¶ 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at ¶¶ 2-3.

<sup>6</sup> See *supra* note 2.

<sup>7</sup> See *In re Wild*, 994 F.3d 1244 (11th Cir. 2021 (en banc)).

On August 10, 2019, while in federal custody at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York, New York, Mr. Epstein died.<sup>8</sup> The Chief Medical Examiner of New York City ruled his death a suicide.<sup>9</sup> Subsequently, on June 28, 2022, Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell was sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiring with Mr. Epstein to sexually abuse minors.<sup>10</sup>

The facts and circumstances surrounding both Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell's cases have received immense public interest and scrutiny. At the outset of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, on February 11, 2025, the Committee and the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets sent a letter to the Department of Justice ("Department") requesting a briefing regarding documents in the Department's possession regarding "the investigation into and prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein."<sup>11</sup> On May 8, the Task Force sent another letter to the Department requesting the public release of "the entirety of the Epstein files" and a briefing regarding the release of these files.<sup>12</sup>

On July 17, President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social, "I have asked Attorney General Pam Bondi to produce any and all pertinent Grand Jury testimony, subject to court approval..."<sup>13</sup> On July 18, in response to the President's direction, Attorney General Bondi posted on X, "[o]ur motion has been filed."<sup>14</sup>

On July 22, Attorney General Bondi posted a statement from Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche on X stating, "If Ghislaine Maxwell has information about anyone who has committed crimes against victims, the FBI and DOJ will hear what she has to say."<sup>15</sup> Further, Deputy Attorney General Blanche stated, "This Department of Justice does not shy away from uncomfortable truths, nor from the responsibility to pursue justice wherever the facts may lead."<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> William K. Rashbaum, Benjamin Weiser & Michael Gold, *Jeffery Epstein Dead in Suicide at Jail, Spurring Inquiries*, The NY TIMES (Aug. 10, 2019); see also Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Just., *Statement from Attorney General William P. Barr on the death of Jeffery Epstein* (Aug. 10, 2019).

<sup>9</sup> Memorandum from Dept' of Justice and Fed. Bureau of Investigation on Review of Investigative Holdings Relating to Jeffrey Epstein (Jul. 7, 2025), available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline>

<sup>10</sup> Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Just., *Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison For Conspiring With Jeffery Epstein To Sexually Abuse Minors* (June 28, 2022).

<sup>11</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Anna Paulina Luna, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets, to Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Just. (Feb. 11, 2025).

<sup>12</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Anna Paulina Luna, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets, to Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Just. (May 8, 2025).

<sup>13</sup> Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social Post (July 17, 2025, 9:07 P.M. E.T.), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114871557460531003>

<sup>14</sup> Attorney General Pamela Bondi (@AGPamBondi), X Post (July 18, 2025, 7:09 P.M. E.T.), <https://x.com/AGPamBondi/status/1946346621274317115>

<sup>15</sup> Attorney General Pamela Bondi (@AGPamBondi), X Post (July 22, 2025, 7:037 A.M. E.T.) (statement of Dep. Attorney General Todd Blanche), <https://x.com/AGPamBondi/status/1947622027587723365>

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

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While the Department undertakes efforts to uncover and publicly disclose additional information related to Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell's cases, 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 Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell. The Committee may use the results of this investigation to inform legislative solutions to improve federal efforts to combat sex trafficking and reform the use of non-prosecution agreements and/or plea agreements in sex-crime investigations. Because you were FBI Director during the time when Mr. Epstein was under investigation by the FBI, the Committee believes that you possess knowledge and information relevant to its investigation.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X.<sup>17</sup> Further, pursuant to House Rule XI clause 2(k)(6) "...the chair shall receive and the committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witnesses."<sup>18</sup> Additionally, House Rule XI clause 2(m)(1)(B) grants Committees of the House of Representatives the authority "to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers necessary."<sup>19</sup> If you have any questions regarding this subpoena, please contact Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,

  
James Comer  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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<sup>17</sup> Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* Rule XI, cl. 2(k)(6).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* Rule XI, cl. 2(m)(1)(b).