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## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

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### **Transmitted Electronically**

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Dear Mr. Kendall:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Committee) has received your December 10, 2025 letter outlining arguments for why former President Bill Clinton (President Clinton) and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (Secretary Clinton) should not be required to appear for their respective depositions before the Committee.<sup>1</sup> Your correspondence with the Committee continues to ignore the Committee's arguments, misstates relevant facts, and seeks information about the Committee's investigation to which neither you nor your clients are entitled.

As the Committee stated clearly in its November 21, 2025 letter to you, the Committee's decision to forego in-person depositions for certain other individuals was because those individuals "lacked any relevant information to the Committee's investigation or otherwise had serious health issues that prevented their testimony."<sup>2</sup> Your clients are not similarly situated and therefore your argument that they are receiving unfair treatment—which you continue to repeat—is baseless. For example, unlike these other individuals, President Clinton and Secretary Clinton had a personal relationship with Jeffery Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Your letter also argues that Committee Democrats "released thousands of emails that the Committee presumably had in its possession for sufficient time to review and make public. [Committee Republicans] nevertheless chose not to do so. These emails included still more information that confirmed that former President Clinton has never been to Little St. James."<sup>3</sup> This is, at best, a careless misapprehension of the facts. On November 12, 2025, within just a week of receiving them, Committee Republicans released approximately 20,000 pages of documents obtained from the Estate of Jeffrey Epstein, while Committee Democrats

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from David E. Kendall to James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform (Dec. 10, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to David E. Kendall (Nov. 21, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> Letter from David E. Kendall to James Comer, *supra* note 1.

cherry-picked and released just three emails in service of their partisan goals.<sup>4</sup> Regardless, these documents did not “confirm that former President Clinton has never been to Little St. James” nor do they absolve the need for your clients’ testimony about their relationship with Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Your letter also continues to demand that the Committee further explain its rationale for demanding your clients’ testimony and other aspects of its investigation. The Committee has clearly stated its legislative purpose for this investigation and how your clients’ testimony will further it.<sup>5</sup> You are not entitled to any further information.

With respect to the separation-of-powers concerns raised in your letter, the House of Representatives’ deposition rules allow for privilege-based objections to be raised for the Committee’s consideration on a question-by-question basis as a witness testifies. However, it is difficult to understand how President Clinton’s post-presidential activities with Jeffrey Epstein could implicate executive privilege. Additionally, while your letter points to the existence of a Department of Justice investigation into matters related to Jeffrey Epstein, that does not excuse your clients from providing testimony to the Committee. The Supreme Court has recognized that Congress’s oversight authority is not restricted by ongoing civil and criminal investigations.<sup>6</sup> To the extent that your letter suggests that your clients may wish to assert their Fifth Amendment rights in response to any of the Committee’s questions, they are free to do so on a question-by-question basis though any such assertion would be starkly at odds with representations you have made to the Committee regarding your clients’ knowledge of or participation in Jeffrey Epstein’s and Ghislaine Maxwell’s criminal activities.

Finally, in phone calls and email correspondence with Committee staff, you have indicated that your clients are not able to testify on December 17 and December 18 due to their attendance at a funeral.<sup>7</sup> Committee staff told you that the Committee is open to rescheduling the testimony but that it would need definitive new dates in January before canceling the

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<sup>4</sup> Press Release, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform Republicans, Oversight Committee Releases Additional Epstein Estate Documents (Nov. 12, 2025); Press Release, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform Democrats, House Oversight Committee Releases Jeffrey Epstein Email Correspondence, Raising Questions About White House Coverup of Epstein Files (Nov. 12, 2025).

<sup>5</sup> Subpoena Cover Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform, to William J. Clinton, Former President of the U.S. (Aug. 5, 2025); Subpoena Cover Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform, to Hillary R. Clinton, Former Sec’y of State, U.S. Dep’t of State (Aug. 5, 2025); Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform, to David E. Kendall (Oct. 22, 2025); Letter from James Comer to David E. Kendall, *supra* note 2.

<sup>6</sup> In *Sinclair v. United States*, 279 U.S. 263 (1929), the Court noted that the pendency of litigation does not stop Congress’s ability to investigate. In that case, the Court held that Congress’s authority “directly or through its committees, to require pertinent disclosures in aid of its own constitutional power is not abridged because the information sought to be elicited may also be of use in” civil or criminal suits. *Sinclair*, 279 U.S. at 295 (1929). Similarly, in *Hutcheson v. United States*, 369 U.S. 599 (1962), the Court explained that “a congressional committee . . . engaged in a legitimate legislative investigation need not grind to a halt whenever responses to its inquiries might potentially be harmful to a witness in some distinct proceeding . . . or when crime or wrongdoing is exposed.” *Id.* at 618.

<sup>7</sup> Email from Daniel Ashworth, General Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform, to David E. Kendall (Dec. 12, 2025, at 5:05 PM).

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currently scheduled dates.<sup>8</sup> You replied that you are unwilling to provide any alternative dates for your clients' testimony.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, the Committee has chosen the date of January 13, 2026, for the deposition of President Clinton and January 14, 2026, for the deposition of Secretary Clinton. If your clients do not comply with these new dates, the Committee will move immediately to contempt proceedings.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X.<sup>10</sup> If you have any questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).