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The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi  
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Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Marshall:

Two weeks ago, you inexplicably transferred Ghislaine Maxwell, Jeffrey Epstein's co-conspirator, from a federal correctional institution to a far preferable and relatively luxurious minimum-security prison camp in Texas, just three years into her 20-year sentence for sexually exploiting and abusing minor girls as young as 14. The transfer follows Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche's private interviews of Ms. Maxwell arranged after a firestorm of media attention about the Department of Justice's (DOJ) refusal to release the full Epstein files as originally demanded by President Donald Trump. These actions raise substantial concerns that the Administration may now be attempting to tamper with a crucial witness, conceal President Trump's relationship with convicted sex offenders, and coax Ms. Maxwell into providing false or misleading testimony in order to protect the President. The transfer also appears to violate both DOJ and Bureau of Prisons (BOP) policies. We write to demand DOJ and BOP provide all documents and information related to Deputy Attorney General Blanche's interview of Ms. Maxwell and the sudden decision to transfer her to a facility with lower security and greater freedom for inmates, which was, prior to this extraordinary transfer, categorically off limits to sex offenders.

Recently, the Trump Administration has engaged in a series of actions that create the strong appearance that it is attempting to cover up the full extent of the relationship between President Trump and Mr. Epstein.<sup>1</sup> Amidst mounting bipartisan pressure for the Administration to release the full Epstein files, Deputy Attorney General Blanche met with Ms. Maxwell to discuss her decades-long involvement in a scheme to traffic and sexually abuse young girls. These meetings were highly unusual for several reasons. Mr. Blanche, who until ten months ago served as Donald Trump's personal criminal defense lawyer, met with Ms. Maxwell and her attorney with no line prosecutors present. The meeting took place just days after DOJ leadership

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<sup>1</sup> Ankush Khadori, *The Epstein Files Timeline Raises Real Questions for Trump*, POLITICO (July 25, 2025), <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2025/07/25/trump-epstein-files-timeline-column-00475334>. It is a federal crime to willfully and unlawfully conceal, remove, mutilate, obliterate, or destroy a public record, or to attempt to do so. 18 U.S.C. § 2071.

fired one of the chief career prosecutors on the Epstein matter.<sup>2</sup> The purported purpose of this secretive meeting with Ms. Maxwell and her attorney was to determine whether she possessed information about “anyone who has committed crimes against victims.”<sup>3</sup> However, the need for this meeting was undercut by DOJ’s recent contradictory statements that its thorough review of the Epstein files, which reportedly identified repeated references to the President, “did not uncover evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties.”<sup>4</sup>

Ms. Maxwell’s credibility as a witness was already severely compromised *before* she was interviewed behind closed doors by the Deputy Attorney General. During President Trump’s first administration, federal prosecutors charged Ms. Maxwell with perjury, stating her “willingness to brazenly lie under oath about her conduct ... strongly suggests her true motive has been and remains to avoid being held accountable for her crimes.”<sup>5</sup> However, Mr. Blanche destroyed any shreds of credibility Ms. Maxwell may have had left when he decided to attend multiple private meetings with her after she was subpoenaed by a congressional committee to offer public testimony. His actions raise staggering concerns about political conflicts of interest, witness tampering, and suborning of false testimony.<sup>6</sup>

Less than a week after Mr. Blanche’s meeting with Ms. Maxwell, BOP transferred her from a federal correctional institution in Tallahassee, Florida, to an all-women, minimum-security prison camp in Bryan, Texas, which is listed as one of the “Best Jails in America to Serve Time.” The women incarcerated there, a population which includes a number of white-collar and celebrity inmates, reportedly enjoy “a ton of freedom” to interact with one another and have access to educational and social programs unavailable at higher security federal correctional institutions like the one Ms. Maxwell was committed to in Tallahassee.<sup>7</sup>

The transfer of Ms. Maxwell to a lower-security and more comfortable facility heightens the appearance that the Trump Administration is seeking to coax favorable testimony or strategic

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<sup>2</sup> Alan Feuer, *In Seeking More on Epstein, Justice Dept.’s No. 2 Official Occupies Unusual Role*, N.Y. TIMES (July 23, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/23/us/politics/todd-blanche-epstein-ghislaine-maxwell-trump.html>.

<sup>3</sup> James Hill et al., *Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche Will Meet with Epstein Associate Ghislaine Maxwell, Bondi Says*, ABC NEWS, (July 22, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/deputy-attorney-general-todd-blanche-meet-ghislaine-maxwell/story?id=123954983>.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*; Devlin Barrett & Matthew Goldstein, *Trump Administration Acknowledges Lack of Evidence From Epstein Documents*, N.Y. TIMES (July 7, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/07/us/politics/trump-administration-jeffrey-epstein-client-list-suicide.html>.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, *U.S. v. Maxwell*, 20 Cr. 330 (AJN), (July 13, 2020), *The Government’s Reply Memorandum in Support of Detention*. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss these severed perjury counts if Ms. Maxwell was convicted on the separately charged trafficking-related counts “in light of the victims’ significant interests in bringing closure to this matter and avoiding the trauma of testifying again.” Therefore, DOJ dismissed the perjury counts at sentencing. Sonia Moghe, *Prosecutors Agree To Dismiss Perjury Counts Ghislaine Maxwell Faces If Her Conviction Sticks*, CNN, (Jan 10, 2022), <https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/10/us/ghislaine-maxwell-perjury-charges-dismissal-filed>.

<sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1622 criminalized the subornation of perjury before legislative, administrative or judicial bodies. 18 U.S.C 1505 prohibits the obstruction of proceedings before departments, agencies, and committees; 18 U.S.C § 1512 prohibits the tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant in an official proceeding. Congressional testimony or proceedings before a congressional committee represent official proceedings.

<sup>7</sup> Simon Burge, *Best Jails in America to Serve Time*, SECURITY JOURNAL AMERICAS, (Apr. 1, 2024), <https://securityjournalamericas.com/best-jail-in-america/>.

silence from Ms. Maxwell.<sup>8</sup> It also appears to violate BOP policy. Under BOP regulations, a person convicted of sex trafficking, like Ms. Maxwell, universally warrants a Public Safety Factor (PSF) as a “Sex Offender.” An individual with such a PSF designation is ineligible to serve their sentence at a minimum-security federal prison camp like the one in Bryan, Texas, because such camps allow “access to the community.” Once imposed, such designations are rarely, if ever, waived.<sup>9</sup>

Even if a waiver were to be granted, standard BOP policy would allow for a waiver only after multiple levels of review that would ordinarily take months to complete.<sup>10</sup> Even if approved for a redesignation, which typically requires new facts or evidence, an inmate would then have to join a months-long waitlist for an opening at a camp. Ms. Maxwell, however, appears to have short-circuited the entire review process and jumped the queue, receiving a place in Federal Prison Camp (FPC) Bryan within a matter of days. Neither DOJ nor BOP has provided anything like a satisfactory explanation for providing Ms. Maxwell this uniquely favorable treatment.<sup>11</sup>

What should go without saying now must bear repeating: Ms. Maxwell was convicted by a jury of her peers for some of the most harrowing conduct criminalized by our laws and reportedly showed an “utter lack of remorse.”<sup>12</sup> As the trial judge stated at her sentencing, Ms. Maxwell “directly and repeatedly and over the course of many years participated in a horrific scheme to entice, transport, and traffic underage girls, some as young as 14, for sexual abuse by and with Jeffrey Epstein.”<sup>13</sup> In the words of one of those victims, the late Virginia Giuffre, who worked as an attendant at Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club at the time she was first trafficked by Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Epstein, Ms. Maxwell “is a monster. She’s worse than Epstein. She did things even worse than Epstein did. She was vicious. She was evil.” Ms. Giuffre’s family, who has taken up her mantle in fighting for Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell’s victims after Ms. Giuffre’s death by suicide, has decried Ms. Maxwell’s transfer as “the justice system failing victims right before our eyes. The American public should be outraged by the special treatment afforded to a pedophile and a criminally charged child sex offender.”<sup>14</sup>

We share these deeply held concerns. The U.S. Government should not afford special treatment to child sex traffickers. Doing so is all the more troubling when it appears to be part of

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<sup>8</sup> Kaitlan Collins et al, *Ghislaine Maxwell Moved To Federal Prison Camp In Texas*, CNN, (Aug. 1, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/01/politics/ghislaine-maxwell-federal-prison-texas>.

<sup>9</sup> U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Program Statement 5100.08, Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification, at Ch.2, p. 4, Ch.5, p. 2 (Sept. 12, 2006); U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification, (Sept. 4, 2019), [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100\\_008cn.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100_008cn.pdf).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification, (Sept. 4, 2019), [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100\\_008cn.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100_008cn.pdf).

<sup>12</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, *U.S. v. Maxwell*, S2 20 Cr. 330 (AJN), (July 13, 2020), *The Government’s Sentencing Memorandum*, <https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/maxwell-government-sentencing-memo.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> *United States v. Maxwell*, 1:20-cr-00330-PAE (S.D.N.Y. June 28, 2022), Tr. at 89.

<sup>14</sup> *Virginia Giuffre’s Family Expresses Shock After Trump Says Epstein “Stole” Her From Mar-A-Lago*, CBS NEWS, (July 31, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/virginia-giuffre-family-trump-epstein-stole-her-mar-a-lago/>; Herb Scribner, *Giuffre Family Blasts Trump For Maxwell’s Prison Move: “Smacks Of A Cover Up,”* AXIOS, (Aug. 1, 2025), <https://www.axios.com/2025/08/01/virginia-giuffre-ghislaine-maxwell-prison-camp-epstein>.

an effort to protect the rich and well-connected, including the sitting President of the United States, from accountability for their conduct. Ms. Maxwell's transfer to a minimum-security prison camp constitutes an important benefit for her, even before considering other actions the White House has publicly hinted at in the press, such as a pardon or clemency. There can be no question that your actions have served to send a clear message to Ms. Maxwell in the lead up to any testimony before Congress and the American public: this Administration can punish or reward her as it sees fit for its own purposes.

It is imperative that the Administration come clean regarding the full scope of Mr. Blanche's interview of Ms. Maxwell and the sudden decision to transfer her to a minimum-security prison camp. The Committee must have access to all documents and information regarding these actions to assess whether DOJ officials and the President have abused prosecutorial and law enforcement resources to shield the President and mislead the public.

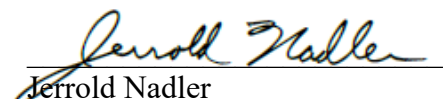
To assist the Committee in conducting our oversight, please provide the following documents and information no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2025:

1. A list of all Administration officials who were aware of, were involved in, or approved, the transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Tallahassee to FPC Bryan;
2. All documents, reports, transfer orders, waivers, or other records relating to the transfer of Ms. Maxwell from FCI Tallahassee to FPC Bryan, including communications involving DOJ, BOP, U.S. Marshals, the Executive Office of the President, and any other federal agencies regarding the transfer;
3. All documents, including recordings, transcripts, notes, and communications, including those with Ms. Maxwell's counsel, related to the interviews conducted by Mr. Blanche or any DOJ official of Ms. Maxwell, since January 20, 2025;
4. All documents referencing any possible benefits to Ms. Maxwell, including transfers, changes to conditions of confinement, pardons, commutation, or changes to DOJ positions in ongoing matters, since January 20, 2025.

We look forward to your prompt compliance with these important oversight requests.

Very truly yours,

  
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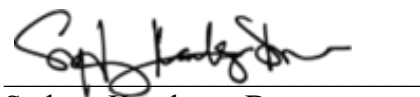
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cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman