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Mr. Robin Vince  
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Dear Mr. Vince:

Can Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon) help Congress understand how Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and their co-conspirators were able to use your bank and others to conduct more than \$1.5 billion in suspicious financial transactions to operate their international sex trafficking ring for years without ever being caught?

In September, at a hearing with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Kash Patel, it became clear that the FBI has failed to “follow the money” with regard to more than \$1.5 billion in suspicious transactions related to Jeffrey Epstein’s sex trafficking ring that JP Morgan Chase & Co. (JPMorgan), Deutsche Bank, Bank of America, and BNY Mellon reported to the Department of the Treasury.

In light of this startling information, House Judiciary Committee Democrats moved to subpoena financial records related to Jeffrey Epstein from these four banks, but Republicans, with the exception of Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY), blocked these efforts. We trust that, despite the federal government’s repeated obstruction of any effort to account for Mr. Epstein’s criminal activity with his co-conspirators, BNY Mellon is willing to work with the Committee to ensure that no American bank will ever again facilitate such heinous crimes.

Under the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), BNY Mellon was required to implement substantial risk-based anti-money laundering (AML) policies and systems to detect and prevent the institution’s services from being hijacked to facilitate criminal activities.<sup>1</sup> One of these requirements is for bank compliance officers, often in consultation with executives, to file a report—called a Suspicious Activity Report, or SAR—when they notice activities that raise red

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<sup>1</sup> 2 U.S.C. § 1829b, 12 U.S.C. § 1951-1960, 31 U.S.C. § 5311-5314, 5316-5336; *see also*, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, *The Bank Secrecy Act*, <https://www.fincen.gov/resources/statutes-and-regulations/bank-secrecy-act>.

flags so federal authorities can be alerted to the potential criminal activity and investigate.<sup>2</sup> SARs are expected to be filed within 60 days of a bank noticing any suspicious transactions. While reports indicate that you filed SARs covering \$378 million in payments to and from Mr. Epstein's accounts, these SARs were reportedly filed years after Mr. Epstein's death, well beyond when was statutorily required and when the opportunity to intervene and prevent his conduct had passed.<sup>3</sup>

Financial institutions are often the first line of defense in detecting serious federal crimes, especially the ones that involve significant flows of money like sex trafficking. Flagging and detecting Mr. Epstein's suspicious withdrawals may well have stopped his crimes years earlier and saved countless girls and women from a fateful interaction with the criminals Mr. Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and their co-conspirators. If you truly regret BNY Mellon's shameful association with Mr. Epstein, we trust that you will work with us to promptly produce these records and help us ensure that neither your bank nor any other American bank ever again enables and bankrolls a criminal sex trafficking ring like Mr. Epstein's. The records would allow us to better understand BNY Mellon's lapses and find ways to strengthen our ability to detect, investigate, and prosecute against these heinous crimes.

These records will also allow us to better understand Director Patel and Attorney General Pam Bondi's outlandish claims that neither the FBI nor the Department of Justice (DOJ) have been able to identify a single additional co-conspirator in Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell's years-long, multi-billion-dollar international sex trafficking operation. It will also help shed light on their ongoing refusal to disclose the Epstein files to Congress or the American people. In the face of this stubborn obfuscation and apparent ongoing cover-up, Congress has a duty to follow the money and ascertain all the facts.

So, Mr. Vince, we ask: is BNY Mellon willing to put its past behind it and help reveal the truth about Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and their co-conspirators? Or will your bank choose to be part of the cover-up for this massive, international sex trafficking ring that victimized more than 1,000 women and girls?

Pursuant to the House Judiciary Committee's broad jurisdiction over the DOJ and law enforcement issues in the United States, I request that BNY Mellon provide the following to the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m., October 22, 2025. Unless otherwise indicated, these requests span from 1998 to the present day:

1. All documents and information related to any transaction identified by BNY Mellon for further review, inspection, or discussion relating to Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, or any of their minor victims, whether or not eventually flagged, raised, or provided to federal regulators in any fashion;

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<sup>2</sup> The Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 establishes a framework for preventing money laundering and financial crimes. Under that framework, banks like yours are required to file Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) within 60 days of detecting potentially criminal transactions.

<sup>3</sup> Matthew Goldstein, *In Epstein Case, Follow the Money, Democratic Senator Says*, N.Y. TIMES (July 19, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/17/business/epstein-banks-wyden-trump.html>.

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2. All internal communications within BNY Mellon and all affiliated institutions regarding Jeffrey Epstein, including but not limited to his investigation and conviction in 2008, potential institutional risk relating to his banking relationship, or other compliance risks;
3. All internal risk assessments and due diligence reports for all Jeffrey Epstein- or Ghislaine Maxwell-related accounts or transactions; and
4. All communications with federal regulators or law enforcement agencies regarding Mr. Epstein or Ms. Maxwell from 1998 to present.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your willingness to work with us on these critical reforms.

Sincerely,

  
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Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman