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The Honorable Todd Blanche  
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Dear Deputy Attorney General Blanche:

I am writing to request that the Department of Justice (DOJ) immediately arrange for Members and staff of the House Committee on the Judiciary to review the complete unredacted Epstein files next week.

Yesterday, the Department released a tranche of documents related to disgraced sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and claims to have fully satisfied its obligations under the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA).<sup>1</sup> In your news conference announcing the materials' release, you said: "**If any Member of Congress wishes to review any portions of the response of production in any unredacted form, they're welcome to make arrangements with the Department to do so, and we're happy to do that.**"<sup>2</sup> The Democratic Members of the House Judiciary Committee do wish to review the files.

Our review is particularly urgent because DOJ itself claims to have identified over 6 million potentially responsive pages, but after releasing only about half of them—including over 200,000 pages that DOJ redacted or withheld—says strangely that it has fully complied with the Act. We seek to ensure that your redactions comply with the Act's requirement that materials be withheld only in narrow circumstances, such as protecting victims' personally identifiable information, and not on the basis of "embarrassment, reputational harm, or political sensitivity, including to any government official, public figure, or foreign dignitary."<sup>3</sup> Moreover, in light of Attorney General Pam Bondi's appearance in a hearing before the Committee on February 11, it is vital that Committee Members and staff have an opportunity to review the unredacted files in

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Pamela J. Bondi, Att'y Gen., & Todd Blanche, Deputy Att'y Gen., U.S. Dep't of Justice, to Congress (Jan. 30, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/letter-to-congress.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Annie Grayer, *Members of Congress Can Contact DOJ to See Unredacted Versions of Epstein Documents, Blanche Says*, CNN (Jan. 30, 2026), [https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/epstein-files-release-doj-01-30-26?post\\_id=cml13z0f800003b6p9jpmipxy](https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/epstein-files-release-doj-01-30-26?post_id=cml13z0f800003b6p9jpmipxy).

<sup>3</sup> Epstein Files Transparency Act, Pub. L. No. 119-38, §§ 2(b)(1), 2(c)(1)(A).

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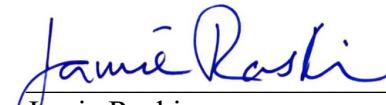
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order to evaluate the lawfulness and appropriateness of your redactions and to examine the Attorney General about them.

We accordingly request that you accommodate a full and swift review of the unredacted Epstein files by Members of the House Judiciary Committee and our staff. We are ready and able to come beginning as soon as tomorrow, Sunday, February 1, 2026. Please contact Committee staff to arrange immediate access.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical oversight request.

Very truly yours,

  
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Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman