

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

Under your leadership, the Department of Justice (DOJ) continues to cover up for Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's co-conspirators and enablers. You are clearly violating the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA) and obstructing Congress's oversight of your production of the Epstein files.¹ It is now time for a complete reset and a new process aimed at complying with this law, instead of thwarting it, and providing survivors and the American people with the transparency, accountability, and justice to which we are all entitled.

Under the EFTA, DOJ was required to release *all* documents relating to Mr. Epstein, subject only to narrowly tailored exceptions to protect survivors' identities, classified information, and *active* and *ongoing* criminal investigations.² From the start, DOJ failed to comply with the law. DOJ has withheld 3 million pages; redacted or withheld entirely hundreds of thousands of pages based on privileges expressly rejected by Congress in the EFTA; and released thousands of pages with survivors' names, photos, and personal information visible to the public. Every day since these documents were first released, journalists, survivors, and members of the public have identified additional documents DOJ unlawfully redacted or withheld. Survivors have been forced to comb through the files to ensure their identities or likenesses were not revealed, and while doing so, many have confirmed that their witness interviews are not present in the files.³ FD-302s have been mysteriously absent, and documents which appear to reflect allegations against co-conspirators are simply missing, while other documents are taken down from the DOJ website without explanation.⁴

¹ Additionally, DOJ is actively defying a subpoena issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requiring production of the full, unredacted Epstein files to the Committee. The Oversight Committee's subpoena and the EFTA confer separate and distinct obligations on the Department, and DOJ's limited release of information pursuant to the EFTA does not satisfy its obligations pursuant to the Oversight Committee's subpoena. *See* Letter from The Hon. Robert Garcia, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov. Ref., to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (Feb. 25, 2026), <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-02-25garciatobondireepstein.pdf>.

² H.R.4405 - Epstein Files Transparency Act, 119th Congress (2025-2026) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4405/text>.

³ Casey Tolan, *Dozens of FBI Records Apparently Missing from Epstein Files, Including Trump Accuser Interviews*, CNN (Feb. 24, 2026), <https://edition.cnn.com/2026/02/24/us/epstein-files-trump-accuser-missing-files-invs>.

⁴ *Id*; Elliott Ramos, Julia Ingram & Taylor Johnston, *The DOJ Has Been Taking Down Epstein Files. Here's What Remains*, CBS NEWS (Mar. 3, 2026), www.cbsnews.com/projects/2026/epstein-files/.

In order to allow Congress to conduct oversight of your compliance with the EFTA, you created a process for Members to view the fully unredacted files at a DOJ annex. This process has been a sham from the start. Thousands of pages remain redacted even within DOJ's system—including numerous instances of pages that are entirely blacked out. What is more, DOJ has denied Members any opportunity to verify DOJ's claims that millions of pages withheld from disclosure are merely duplicates of the publicly released files—a dubious assertion given so many files known to exist have yet to be revealed.

The review process itself has been rife with obstruction. Of the 3.5 million pages of slightly less-redacted documents DOJ *has* agreed to make available to Members, you have designed a review process that denies Members any reasonable opportunity to review even a meaningful fraction of the available documents. The documents are only available on four DOJ computers kept at a satellite DOJ office that is only open during business hours.⁵ Using those four computers, it would take us at least *7.5 years* to be able to check the redactions on the partial load of 3.5 million pages you have chosen to release.

But in order to make the process *truly* as difficult as possible, you have prohibited us from taking notes on our own paper or printouts of the publicly available Epstein documents, instead requiring us to take notes on blank looseleaf pages that DOJ provides. And you have barred our staff, long recognized by the Supreme Court as an essential part of our oversight and the “alter egos” of congressional Members when it comes to investigations, from even entering the building with us.⁶

Adding insult to injury, DOJ appears to have instructed its staff to spy on Members of Congress while they review the files, keeping records of the search terms we enter, the files we review, and even the handwritten notes we jot down. Despite promising that DOJ would only be tracking the time and duration of a Member's visit, you came to your hearing before the House Judiciary Committee with a document detailing each document Rep. Pramila Jayapal reviewed on DOJ's computers.⁷ Even the Republican Speaker of the House Mike Johnson has condemned this outrageous and unconstitutional intrusion into congressional oversight under the separation of powers.⁸

⁵ U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legislative Affairs Letter to Members of Congress (Feb. 6, 2026).

⁶ The Supreme Court has recognized the essential nature of congressional staff in aiding Members in their constitutionally proscribed duties, describing them as “alter egos” of the Members themselves. *Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 615-17 (1972) (“it is literally impossible, in view of the complexities of the modern legislative process, with Congress almost constantly in session and matters of legislative concern constantly proliferating, for Members of Congress to perform their legislative tasks without the help of aides and assistants; that the day-to-day work of such aides is so critical to the Members' performance that they must be treated as the latter's alter egos.”).

⁷ Pramila Jayapal (@RepJayapal), X (Feb. 11, 2026, at 6:16 PM), <https://x.com/RepJayapal/status/2021725059245609079>.

⁸ Annie Grayer, Holmes Lybrand & Manu Raju, *House Speaker Condemns Trump Justice Department Monitoring of Lawmakers' Epstein Document Review*, CNN (Feb. 12, 2026), www.cnn.com/2026/02/12/politics/dojmonitoring-lawmaker-epstein-files-searches (“I think members should obviously have the right to peruse those at their own speed and with their own discretion and I don't think it's appropriate for anybody to be tracking that. I will echo that to anybody involved in the DOJ.”).

We previously wrote to you and demanded that you work with us to jointly develop a new process for Members of Congress to meaningfully review the *fully unredacted* Epstein files.⁹ You have failed to do so. Every day that you refuse to comply with the EFTA's requirement that you release the *complete* Epstein files compounds the injustice done to survivors, the clouding of the transparency that is owed to the American people, and the damage inflicted on evidence that could be used by state and local prosecutors to bring cases against Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell's co-conspirators and enablers who have yet to face any accountability.

If you are finally committed to ending DOJ's cover-up and complying with your legal obligations under the EFTA, we demand that you immediately implement these five measures:

1. **First, provide Members of Congress with access to the full Epstein files.** This includes the roughly 3 million files DOJ has withheld as duplicative or otherwise, and those that have not been uploaded to the database.
2. **Second, ensure that records available to Members of Congress are *fully unredacted*.** This will necessitate fulfilling the command in the EFTA to provide all files, including original unredacted copies of documents from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that remain redacted in your database.
3. **Third, DOJ must provide a reasonable number of computers accessible on Capitol grounds.** Members must be able to access these computers without restriction. We can discuss the exact number that will meet our oversight needs.
4. **Fourth, access must be provided for a select number of congressional staff identified by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the committees of jurisdiction;** namely, the House Committee on the Judiciary, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs.
5. **Fifth, there can be no monitoring, tracking, or recording of Members' searches or communications, under any circumstances.** We are happy to work with DOJ on a process that ensures that only Members and authorized staff have access to the room where the computers are located.

We request you respond in writing by 5:00 p.m. March 26, 2026, regarding whether DOJ will accept these proposals and choose transparency, or whether it will continue to unlawfully

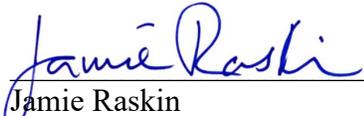
⁹ Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, The Hon. Robert Garcia, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Ref., and The Hon. Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (Feb. 13, 2026), <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-02-13-raskin-rgarcia-jayapal-to-bondi-doj-re-member-surveillance-epstein-files.pdf>.

The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi

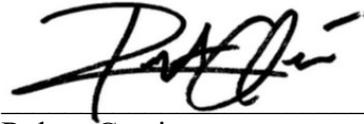
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obstruct the American people and Congress in our pursuit of the truth about one of the largest child sex trafficking rings in history.

Very truly yours,



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