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Dear Attorney General Blanche and Director Ary:

Why is the Department of Justice (DOJ) refusing to share evidence with jurisdictions that are actually investigating Jeffrey Epstein's associates and co-conspirators?

According to public reporting, DOJ is obstructing the efforts of both the United Kingdom (U.K.) and the State of New Mexico to investigate individuals associated with Epstein and his decades-long, multibillion-dollar, international sex trafficking ring that victimized more than 1,000 women and girls.

Not only is the DOJ shamefully refusing to investigate Epstein-implicated individuals with your own resources, but it is also now reportedly refusing to share key evidence with other jurisdictions that are taking criminal investigations of Epstein's potential accomplices and co-conspirators seriously.

For the past 21 months, this Administration has actively worked to block Epstein's survivors from seeing justice and to protect Epstein's collaborators from seeing accountability. In the first weeks of this Administration, DOJ shut down an active probe conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.¹ Then, on July 6, 2025, DOJ and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) jointly issued an unsigned memo indiscriminately claiming that there was no "evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties."² Two weeks later, after Ghislaine Maxwell was called to testify before Congress, then-Deputy Attorney General Blanche conducted an emergency two-day interview with Maxwell in Florida in which he asked no questions about uncharged co-conspirators.³ Instead, he

¹ Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Nov. 3, 2025), https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-11-03-raskin-to-bondi-doj-re-epstein-survivors-investigation_0.pdf.

² Memorandum from Dep't of Justice and Fed. Bureau of Investigation (July 6, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl>.

³ James Hill et al., *Ghislaine Maxwell Provided No Incriminating Information During Meetings with Deputy AG on*

focused solely on getting Maxwell to report that Donald Trump was, to her mind, a “gentleman in all respects.”⁴ He then rewarded her for her model answers with a rapid overnight transfer to a cushy “Club Fed” prison, complete with special puppy time, special workout time, special communications privileges, yoga facilities, and skincare products.⁵ Maxwell enjoys privileges that no other prisoner could dream of, such as the comfort of made-to-order meals served to her room and the use of the prison warden as her de facto personal administrative assistant.⁶

Since then, both DOJ and FBI have stood by their absurd claims that there is no evidence that anyone else is implicated in this giant global sex trafficking ring other than Epstein and Maxwell. In September 2025, FBI Director Kash Patel dodged questions from Congress when asked about the men whom Epstein survivors had identified as co-conspirators, saying “there is no credible information” that Epstein trafficked young women to anybody other than himself and that “if there were, I would bring the case yesterday.”⁷ In February 2026, then-Deputy Attorney General Blanche also summarily dismissed allegations regarding Donald Trump as “completely false,” despite ample evidence showing close ties between Epstein and Trump.⁸

While this DOJ has been busy with its disgraceful cover-up, other jurisdictions have been hard at work seeking truth and justice for the survivors. After the Epstein files were released, New Mexico re-opened its criminal investigation and searched Epstein’s Zorro Ranch; Norway brought corruption charges against three high-level politicians associated with Epstein; Poland is investigating possible links between Epstein and Russian intelligence; and Latvia’s investigation identified a Latvian victim.⁹

High-Profile Individuals Who Interacted with Jeffrey Epstein, Transcript Shows, ABC NEWS (Aug. 22, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/ghislaine-maxwell-provided-incriminating-information-meetings-deputy-ag/story?id=124894271>.

⁴ *Maxwell Interview Transcript Day 1 (Redacted)*, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE (July 24, 2025), at 107, [https://www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.24%20\(Redacted\).pdf](https://www.justice.gov/storage/audio-files/Interview%20Transcript/Interview%20Transcript%20-%20Maxwell%202025.07.24%20(Redacted).pdf).

⁵ Cameron Henderson, *Puppy Prison: Inside Ghislaine Maxwell’s New Home*, THE TELEGRAPH (Aug. 2, 2025), <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/us/news/2025/08/02/puppy-prison-inside-ghislaine-maxwells-new-home/>.

⁶ Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Dr. Tanisha Hall, Warden, Federal Prison Camp Bryan (Oct. 30, 2025), <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-10-30-raskin-to-hall-fpcbryan-re-maxwell-1.pdf>; Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Donald J. Trump, President, The White House (Nov. 9, 2025), <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-11-09-raskin-to-trump-wh-re-maxwell.pdf>.

⁷ *Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 119th Cong., at 2:26:14 (Sept. 16, 2025) (testimony of The Hon. Kash Patel, Director, Fed. Bureau of Investigation), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/committee-activity/hearings/oversight-of-the-federal-bureau-of-investigation-09-16-2025>.

⁸ Cheyanne M. Daniels, *Photos Released in Epstein Dump Not Enough Evidence to Prosecute, Blanche Says*, POLITICO (Feb. 1, 2026), <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/02/01/epstein-files-todd-blanche-photos-00759045>; see also *State of the Union*, CNN (Feb. 1, 2026) (transcript), <https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/sotu/date/2026-02-01/segment/01>.

⁹ Connor Greene, *Epstein’s 7,600-Acre Zorro Ranch Searched in Criminal Investigation*, TIME (Mar. 10, 2026), <https://time.com/article/2026/03/10/epstein-zorro-ranch-investigation-search-new-mexico>; Maegan Vazquez,

Rather than assisting these spreading efforts, DOJ is deliberately obstructing them. Following Epstein's 2019 arrest, DOJ asked New Mexico state investigators to pause their work while it pursued the federal case against him, assuring New Mexico that, in exchange for giving up timely access to witnesses, victims, and other evidence, the Department would cooperate in subsequent state investigations and prosecutions following the successful completion of its 2019 case.¹⁰ New Mexico relented, deferring to the jurisdiction of federal prosecutors on the basis of those promises. Since then, DOJ secured just one conviction—Maxwell's—and subsequently disbanded the investigation, pushing out the lead prosecutors and refusing to reopen the case even in light of credible evidence in its possession that more culpable parties exist.¹¹

Following DOJ's preposterous decision in January 2025 to close the ongoing federal investigation into Epstein and Maxwell's accomplices and co-conspirators, New Mexico resumed its investigative work, and the state prosecutors requested DOJ share the evidence already in DOJ and FBI's possession. Rather than cooperate, DOJ repeatedly stonewalled New Mexico's request.¹² After New Mexico sued DOJ for the unredacted documents, DOJ claimed the Privacy Act prohibited it from sharing evidence with state prosecutors, a totally nonsensical argument given federal law explicitly provides for exactly this kind of federal-state cooperation in criminal prosecutions.¹³

DOJ also appears to be actively obstructing the U.K.'s efforts to investigate. On April 23, 2026, it was reported that when authorities in the U.K. requested mutual legal assistance to support their investigation into Peter Mandelson, former British Ambassador to the United States and a close associate of Jeffrey Epstein, DOJ reportedly "blocked" their probe and "refused to hand over key evidence contained in the Epstein files."¹⁴ DOJ's refusal to honor the U.K.'s

Europeans Investigating Epstein Say DOJ Has Not Agreed to Requests for Help, WASH. POST (Sept. 9, 2026), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2026/09/09/europeans-investigating-epstein-say-doj-has-not-agreed-requests-help/>.

¹⁰ Complaint ¶¶ 3, 27–29, *New Mexico v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*, No. 1:26-cv-02762 (D.D.C. filed Aug. 5, 2026), ECF No. 1, <https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/New-Mexico-sues-DOJ-Epstein-Zorro-Ranch-probe.pdf>.

¹¹ See Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and The Hon. Madeleine Dean, Member of Congress, to The Hon. Todd W. Blanche, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice and The Hon. Kashyap Patel, Director, Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Oct. 7, 2026), <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-10-07-raskin-dean-to-blanche-doj-patel-fbi-re-botstein.pdf>.

¹² Complaint ¶¶ 2, 44–77, *New Mexico v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*, No. 1:26-cv-02762 (D.D.C. filed Aug. 5, 2026), ECF No. 1, <https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/New-Mexico-sues-DOJ-Epstein-Zorro-Ranch-probe.pdf>.

¹³ Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment at 17–18, *New Mexico v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*, No. 1:26-cv-02762 (D.D.C. filed Oct. 12, 2026), ECF No. 8-1, <https://www.law360.com/articles/2537091/attachments/0>; 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(7).

¹⁴ Martin Evans & Ben Stockton, *Trump's DOJ Blocking UK Police Investigation into Mandelson*, THE TELEGRAPH (Apr. 23, 2026), <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/04/23/us-blocks-uk-police-investigation-into-mandelson/>; Genevieve Holl-Allen & Dominic Penna, *Mandelson Inquiry Requests Unredacted Epstein Files from US*, THE TELEGRAPH (May 29, 2026), <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2026/05/29/mandelson-inquiry-requests-redacted-epstein-material-from-u/>.

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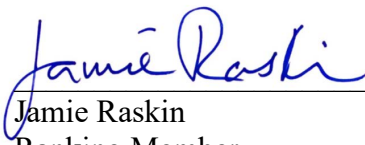
routine request for mutual legal assistance has reportedly put the U.K.'s investigation "at risk of collapse" simply because DOJ is concerned that cooperating with the U.K. would "reignite the scandal" and "damage Trump's reputation."¹⁵

DOJ must end this desperate cover-up of Epstein's associates and co-conspirators. Pursuant to the House Committee on the Judiciary's authority over DOJ, conflicts of interest, and the criminalization of sexual abuse, we request that you respond to the following questions and document requests by no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2026.

1. All records and correspondence regarding Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty requests from foreign countries seeking DOJ assistance with investigations into potential co-conspirators of Jeffrey Epstein, including records sufficient to identify the individuals or investigations to which those requests relate.
2. All records and correspondence regarding DOJ's decision to deny or oppose requests for documents, information, or other forms of cooperation sought by any state or local law enforcement body within the United States about investigations into any potential co-conspirators of Jeffrey Epstein.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,



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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman

¹⁵ Connor Stringer & Tony Diver, *Mandelson Police Investigation at Risk of Collapse*, THE TELEGRAPH (Aug. 21, 2026), <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2026/08/21/mandelson-police-investigation-at-risk-of-collapse/>.