

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman James Comer
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Comer:

As the Committee moves forward with its investigation to uncover the full truth about Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and their co-conspirators, we are writing to request that the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hold a hearing to prioritize the individuals who survived the horrific abuse associated with these crimes, and whose firsthand accounts may not be sufficiently represented in the Department of Justice's records. If we are to hold powerful people to account, our investigation must center the voices they tried to silence. To ensure that our investigation is comprehensive and credible, we urge the Committee to allow survivors the opportunity to provide their testimony if they wish to do so.

Over the course of decades, Jeffrey Epstein operated an expansive and predatory network that exploited and trafficked young women and girls, often with the complicity of powerful institutions and individuals. According to federal investigators, Epstein harmed over 1,000 people, each subjected to their own unique trauma.¹ This trauma can be a lifelong sentence – when someone is violated and preyed upon, especially as a child, the resulting harms are often deep and lasting. These individuals should have the opportunity to have their stories heard and their healing centered in our efforts to achieve transparency and accountability.

The Trump Administration made clear that it wants to silence Mr. Epstein's victims when the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations issued a July 2025 memorandum asserting that the Epstein case was essentially closed "without even talking to a single victim," according to one victim's counsel.² Following this concerning development, on July 23, 2025, Committee Democrats forced a bipartisan vote to subpoena the Department of Justice to turn over the full and complete Epstein files, redacted only to protect the identities, safety, and privacy of the victims.³ But we know the documents will not tell the full story. Furthermore, hearing Maxwell's testimony, while ignoring those who were abused, would only contribute to more pain for survivors, more misinformation for the public, and a failure of this Committee's responsibility to pursue truth.

¹ *FBI Memo July 2025*, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (July 6, 2025), www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline.

² Memorandum from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (July 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline); *Epstein accuser speaks out on Trump: Maria Farmer wants to testify, access her records*, MSNBC (July 24, 2025), www.msnbc.com/the-briefing-with-jen-psaki/watch/epstein-accuser-speaks-out-on-trump-maria-farmer-wants-to-testify-access-her-records-243812933882.

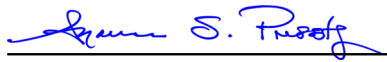
³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats, *Ranking Member Summer Lee Challenges Republicans with Motion to Subpoena Epstein Files* (July 23, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-summer-lee-challenges-republicans-motion-subpoena-epstein-files>).

If the Committee is to conduct credible oversight, it must hear directly from survivors, or their representatives, who volunteer to advance our investigation on their own terms. Some survivors have expressed a clear willingness and desire to come before Congress, and the Committee cannot meet their strength and bravery with inaction.⁴

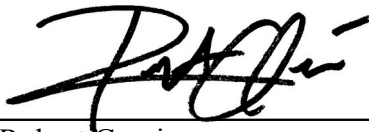
For too long, powerful abusers and their enablers have been shielded by institutions more interested in protecting predators than centering survivors. The Committee now has an opportunity to break that cycle. A public hearing focused on survivors who wish to speak out would be a meaningful step towards transparency, accountability, and healing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



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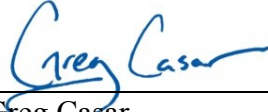


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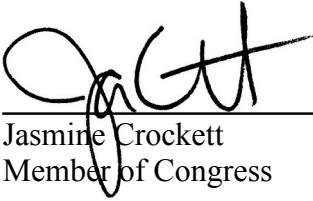
⁴ *Epstein accuser speaks out on Trump: Maria Farmer wants to testify, access her records*, MSNBC (July 24, 2025), www.msnbc.com/the-briefing-with-jen-psaki/watch/epstein-accuser-speaks-out-on-trump-maria-farmer-wants-to-testify-access-her-records-243812933882.



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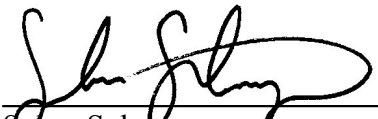
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