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The Honorable Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel,

As you know, Congress voted to release all the files the Department of Justice has on Jeffrey Epstein to the public. While the President could have released the files to the public months ago, this week's landmark vote is a step forward towards achieving justice for the survivors and the American people. For years, the rich and powerful have not been held accountable for their association with Jeffrey Epstein and potential involvement in his criminal enterprise.

The American people understandably have concerns about the President using his political influence over the files' release and either tampering, destroying, or selectively releasing and withholding files, particularly in light of the Department of Justice's announcement to start investigating Democrats who were associated with Epstein.

Furthermore, there have recently been troubling anecdotes to suggest this, such as an acting deputy chief at the Department of Justice saying that all Republican names were being redacted. The brother of Jeffrey Epstein also claimed in an interview on NewsNation that "I've been recently told, the reason they're going to be releasing the files and the reason for the flip is that they're sabotaging these files." He went on to say that Trump Administration officials are "scrubbing the files to take Republican names out," and that some of this information may be damaging to President Trump.<sup>2</sup>

These reports do nothing to inspire confidence of a complete release of all of the Epstein files, no matter the political affiliation of the people named. The victims and their families are themselves concerned about the tampering of the files and politicization of this process.<sup>3</sup> They deserve full

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hidden camera catches DOJ aide lured by dating app, Axios (September 4, 2025) (online at https://www.axios.com/2025/09/04/epstein-files-ghislaine-maxwell-doj-chief).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Jeffrey Epstein's Brother Claims He Heard 'from a Pretty Good Source' That Epstein Files Are Being Scrubbed of Republican Names, People

<sup>(</sup>November 18, 2025) (online at: https://people.com/epstein-s-brother-heard-from-a-pretty-good-source-that-the-epstein-files-are-being-scrubbed-of-republican-names-11851691).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>News Central, CNN (November 20, 2025, 8:31 AM EST).

justice and accountability, and, as you said upon your own confirmation, "there will be no coverups, no missing documents, no stone left unturned."<sup>4</sup>

In this light, I request the following answers by November 26, 2025:

- 1. Before the files are released, who will be redacting them? Who will be approving the redactions?
- 2. In February 2025, Attorney General Pam Bondi said that the files were on her desk. Were the files physically on her desk? Where were they?
- 3. Are there files relating to the Jeffrey Epstein investigation at the FBI's Central Records facility in Winchester, VA?
  - 1. If so, have the files been altered, tampered with, or accessed at any point since January 20, 2025?
- 4. What steps has the FBI taken to protect the files' storage at the facility in Winchester, or elsewhere?
- 5. What security measures are currently in place at the Winchester facility, or other facilities relevant to the Epstein files?
- 6. In a November 19 press conference, Attorney General Bondi said that new information led to the reversal of her decision to close the Epstein case earlier this year. What was that new information?

I also request a visit to the FBI Central Records Complex or other facilities housing relevant Epstein files to review the security and condition of these files as we continue our investigation on the House Oversight Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Suhas Subramanyam

Member of Congress

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Kash Patel Responds to Jeffrey Epstein 'Cover Up' Claims, Newsweek (September 17, 2025) (online at https://www.newsweek.com/kash-patel-hearing-fbi-jeffrey-epstein-files-cover-2131363).