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September 3, 2025

Mr. William Blier
Acting Inspector General
Department of Justice
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Dear Acting Inspector General Blier:

Less than one week after a highly unusual closed-door interview with United States Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Blanche, Ghislaine Maxwell suddenly received a favorable transfer from a federal correctional facility in Florida to a more comfortable minimum-security facility in Texas, evading standard Bureau of Prisons (BOP) security requirements.¹

Maxwell, a close accomplice of serial sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, was convicted in 2021 of federal sex trafficking crimes—including the exploitation of children—and sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.² We agree with the victims of Maxwell and Epstein who have asserted that her transfer “smacks of a cover up” and raises concerns that the justice system is “failing victims right before our eyes.”³ We request that you immediately investigate the circumstances of Maxwell’s transfer. It is critical to address concerns that Maxwell was rewarded with a transfer in exchange for testimony manufactured to exonerate President Trump and other high-profile associates of Epstein.

On August 1, 2025, Committee Democrats opened an investigation into the circumstances of the transfer with a letter to the director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), William K. Marshall III, to conduct oversight of Maxwell’s transfer and probe whether she is receiving special treatment from BOP, the Department of Justice (DOJ), or President Trump (see enclosure).⁴ To date, Director Marshall has not replied to this letter, provided any of the requested information, or offered a reason for his obstruction and failure to respond to Congress.

¹ *Ghislaine Maxwell transferred to less restrictive prison after DOJ meeting*, Politico (Aug. 1, 2025) (online at www.politico.com/news/2025/08/01/ghislaine-maxwell-prison-doj-meeting-00488424); *Ghislaine Maxwell’s prison transfer adds to Trump’s Epstein morass*, CNN (Aug. 4, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/08/04/politics/maxwell-prison-transfer-trump-analysis).

² United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, *Press Release: Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison For Conspiring With Jeffrey Epstein To Sexually Abuse Minors* (June 18, 2022) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse).

³ *Jeffrey Epstein Victims and Family Blast Trump for Ghislaine Maxwell Prison Transfer*, CNBC (Aug. 1, 2025) (online at www.cnbc.com/2025/08/01/jeffrey-epstein-ghislaine-maxwell-prison-florida-texas.html).

⁴ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Director William K. Marshall III, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Aug. 1, 2025).

In the context of ongoing fears that President Trump is attempting to cover up the Epstein matter, this is completely unacceptable. Oversight Committee Democrats will not tolerate any refusal to cooperate with our investigation by any part of the administration.

On July 24–25, 2025, DAG Blanche interviewed Ghislaine Maxwell while she was incarcerated at Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Tallahassee in Florida.⁵ As a threshold matter, it is highly unusual for the DAG of the United States to conduct an interview with a cooperating witness, an activity generally carried out by line-level prosecutors.⁶ The additional fact that DAG Blanche was formerly President Trump’s personal attorney raises serious questions about the legitimacy and integrity of these actions. In his Senate confirmation hearing, DAG Blanche admitted that he would maintain a “continuing duty of loyalty and confidentiality” to President Trump due to their pre-existing attorney-client relationship.⁷

Indeed, prosecutors have raised serious ethical concerns about DAG Blanche’s decision to conduct the interview with Maxwell, despite his obvious conflict of interest with the matter.⁸ One legal expert told the *Washington Post*, “It is very concerning when you have someone who was formerly the president’s personal lawyer then getting involved to possibly assist the president in protecting his own image in this—when he should be acting in a disinterested way for the Justice Department to ensure that justice is done here and that the interests of the American people are served.”⁹ These ethical concerns about DAG Blanche’s position are deepened by Maxwell’s open campaign for a pardon from President Trump.¹⁰

On August 22, 2025, DOJ released transcripts of Maxwell’s interview, in which Maxwell outrageously claimed that she was not complicit in the crimes for which she was convicted, including sex trafficking of children. She also broadly claimed to have no knowledge of President Trump’s involvement with or implication in Epstein’s sex trafficking crimes and gratuitously described the President as “a gentleman in all respects.”¹¹ Maxwell also denied that she recruited sex trafficking victims from President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate—a claim that is directly contradicted by the account of victim Virginia Giuffre, whose family recently reasserted that Maxwell “targeted and preyed upon our then 16-year-old sister, Virginia, from Mar-a-Lago

⁵ *DOJ Releases Todd Blanche’s Interview with Ghislaine Maxwell*, The Hill (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at <https://thehill.com/homenews/5466373-maxwell-interview-transcript-released/>).

⁶ *Todd Blanche’s Past Hangs Over Him as Top DOJ Official on Epstein Case*, NPR (July 29, 2025) (online at www.npr.org/2025/07/29/nx-s1-5484129/todd-blanche-epstein-ghislaine-maxwell-trump).

⁷ *How Trump’s Personal Attorney Wound Up Investigating the Epstein Case at DOJ*, Washington Post (July 31, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/07/31/todd-blanche-trump-epstein-interview/).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Ghislaine Maxwell wants immunity or a pardon before congressional deposition*, CBS News (July 30, 2025) (online at www.cbsnews.com/news/ghislaine-maxwell-congressional-deposition-immunity-pardon-conditions).

¹¹ *Maxwell Never Witnessed Trump in ‘Inappropriate Setting,’ Transcript Says*, New York Times (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/08/22/us/politics/ghislaine-maxwell-doj-transcript-trump.html).

where she was working in 2000[.]”¹² Ms. Giuffre’s account is supported by President Trump’s own recent assertion that he had a falling out with Epstein because “he stole people that worked for me,” including Ms. Giuffre.¹³

The week after Maxwell delivered favorable remarks about President Trump, she was transferred to Federal Prison Camp (FPC) Bryan in Texas. Camp Bryan is a minimum-security federal prison camp with “red-roofed dormitories, grassy courtyards and wrought-iron fences” that has been described as a “country club prison.”¹⁴ Alarming, Maxwell’s incarceration at Camp Bryan runs afoul of federal guidelines that inmates who have committed certain offenses and pose a risk to public safety are not eligible to serve time in federal prison camps. As laid out in BOP policies, sex offenses are “public safety factors” that disqualify inmates from federal prison camps.¹⁵ Robert Hood, a former federal supermax prison warden, has explained, “Someone gave special preference to Maxwell that, to my knowledge, no other inmate currently in the Federal Bureau of Prisons has received.”¹⁶

The public perception that Maxwell has received exceptionally favorable treatment in exchange for misleading testimony is profoundly disturbing and insulting to the victims of her crimes. According to federal investigators, Epstein harmed over 1,000 people, each subjected to their own unique trauma.¹⁷ Maxwell played an active role in this pattern of abuse, for years.¹⁸ The family of Ms. Giuffre described her Maxwell’s testimony to DAG Blanche as “[a] travesty of justice [that] entirely invalidates the experiences of the many brave survivors who put their safety, security, and lives on the line to ensure her conviction, including our sister,” further stating that “by moving convicted felon Maxwell to a minimum-security, country club prison, the DOJ sends a disturbing message that child sex trafficking is acceptable and will be rewarded.”¹⁹

¹² *Trump Says He Doesn’t Know Why Epstein Stole Young Women from Mar-a-Lago*, ABC News (July 31, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/virginia-giuffres-family-donald-trump-knew-jeffrey-epstein/story?id=124238103>).

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Ghislaine Maxwell’s Move to ‘Country Club’ Prison Smacks of Special Treatment, Experts Say*, Washington Post (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/08/05/trump-epstein-maxwell-sex-trafficking-prisons-corrections/).

¹⁵ Federal Bureau of Prisons, *Program Statement - Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification* (Mar. 6, 2025) (online at www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5100_008_cn-2.pdf).

¹⁶ *Ghislaine Maxwell’s Move to ‘Country Club’ Prison Smacks of Special Treatment, Experts Say*, Washington Post (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/08/05/trump-epstein-maxwell-sex-trafficking-prisons-corrections/).

¹⁷ U.S. Department of Justice, *FBI Memo* (July 6, 2025) (online at [www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?](https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline) inline).

¹⁸ United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, *Press Release: Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison For Conspiring With Jeffrey Epstein To Sexually Abuse Minors* (June 18, 2022) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse).

¹⁹ *Justice Department gave Ghislaine Maxwell ‘a platform to rewrite history,’ family of Epstein accuser says*, NBC News (Aug. 23, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/justice-department-gave-ghislaine-maxwell-platform-rewrite-history-fam-rcna226797).

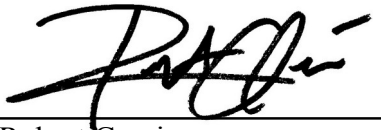
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The American people need clarity as to why Maxwell was transferred in contravention of BOP guidelines, and why Maxwell was transferred only after sitting for an interview with DAG Blanche. The irregular transfer raises suspicions that she received preferential treatment in exchange for her favorable testimony and is profoundly insulting and harmful to Maxwell's victims. We request that you conduct a thorough and independent review of Maxwell's transfer to Camp Bryan given the clear evidence suggesting that high-ranking government officials within DOJ or the Executive Office of the President—or President Trump, himself—authorized Maxwell's transfer in exchange for political favors.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051.

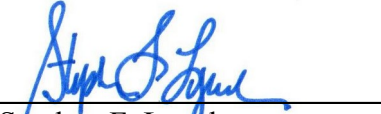
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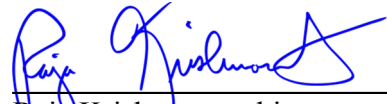
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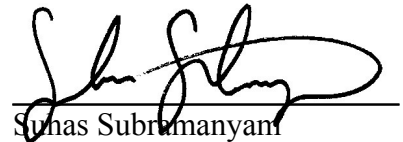
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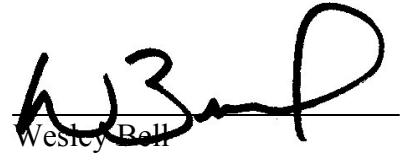
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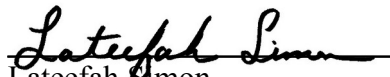
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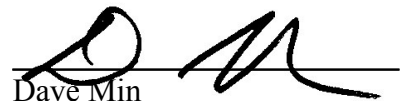
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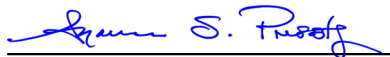
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August 1, 2025

The Honorable William K. Marshall III
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
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Dear Director Marshall:

I write with concern regarding the Federal Bureau of Prison's (BOP) sudden decision to transfer Ghislaine Maxwell, a convicted sex trafficker and key associate of Jeffrey Epstein, from a federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida, to prison camp Bryan in Bryan, Texas—a facility with far fewer restrictions and security measures. The favorable change to the conditions of Ms. Maxwell's incarceration—despite being denied bail on three occasions for posing an “extreme risk of flight”—raises possibility that the Trump Administration and the Bureau of Prisons may be affording Ms. Maxwell preferential treatment in an effort to shape or distort her testimony about Jeffrey Epstein.¹ This suspicious transfer occurs shortly after several days of high-profile secret meetings between Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Blanche, Donald Trump's former personal lawyer, and Ms. Maxwell, which has already prompted serious concerns that the Department of Justice (DOJ) could be attempting to interfere with a congressional investigation.² Further, any attempt to interfere with a witness's recollection of the truth would represent a profound abuse of power and a threat to the integrity of the justice system. In an effort to provide complete transparency to the American people, we demand that BOP work quickly to provide our committee with the facts regarding the rationale and circumstances behind Ms. Maxwells' abrupt transfer to a less restrictive facility.

On July 22 and 23, 2025, Oversight Committee Democrats and Republicans worked together to authorize subpoenas to obtain sworn testimony from Ghislaine Maxwell and compel DOJ to turn over the full and complete Epstein files, redacted only to protect the identities,

¹ *Ghislaine Maxwell Is Denied Bail by Judge Who Calls Her a Flight Risk*, New York Times (July 14, 2020) (online at www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/nyregion/ghislaine-maxwell-bail.html); *Ghislaine Maxwell Loses Latest Bail Request*, Reuters (June 2, 2021) (online at www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/ghislaine-maxwell-loses-latest-bail-request-2021-06-02/).

² *Ghislaine Maxwell Received Limited Immunity During Meetings with Deputy Attorney General: Sources*, ABC News (July 25, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/deputy-ag-blanche-set-meet-2nd-day-ghislaine/story?id=124064062>).

safety, and privacy of the victims.³ This subpoena was necessitated by a complete lack of transparency into the Epstein matter by the Trump Administration, which has so far refused to provide the American people with adequate information promised during the 2024 presidential race.⁴ In particular, DAG Blanche, a former personal attorney to Donald Trump, and Attorney General (AG) Pam Bondi made their agenda of secrecy clear when they released a sparse July 2025 memorandum in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation asserted no additional Epstein files would be released and stated, in a wild reversal, that there is no client list or additional evidence to produce to the public.⁵ This marked a sudden about-face that contradicts AG Bondi's own statements confirming the existence of a client list.⁶ Concerningly, this change in posture which appears to have occurred after President Trump was made aware in May that his name appears in the Epstein files on numerous occasions.⁷

In his Senate confirmation hearing, DAG Blanche confirmed that he would maintain a "continuing duty of loyalty and confidentiality" to President Trump due to their pre-existing attorney-client relationship.⁸ DAG Blanche's interviews with Ms. Maxwell may be an attempt to protect the President from political backlash over the Epstein investigation. This concern is reinforced by Ms. Maxwell's demonstrated interest in a presidential pardon.⁹ On July 25 and 28, 2025, Trump pointed out that he is "allowed" to grant the convicted child sex trafficker a pardon and did not rule out the possibility of doing so, which risks enticing her to lie to increase her chances of obtaining such a pardon.¹⁰

According to the prosecutors and judge who worked on Ms. Maxwell's 2021 criminal trial, she "brazenly lie[d] under oath about her conduct, which suggested that "her true motive

³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats, Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, *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>).

⁴ *What Trump Has Said About Jeffrey Epstein Over the Years, Including on 2024 Campaign*, ABC (July 16, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-jeffrey-epstein-years-including-2024-campaign-trail/story?id=123778541>).

⁵ Memorandum from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (July 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

⁶ *Bondi Says Epstein Client List 'Sitting on My Desk Right Now,' and Is Reviewing JFK, MLK Files*, Fox News (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at www.foxnews.com/politics/bondi-says-epstein-client-list-sitting-my-desk-right-now-reviewing-jfk-mlk-files).

⁷ *Justice Department Told Trump in May That His Name is Among Many in the Epstein Files*, Wall Street Journal (July 23, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/justice-department-told-trump-name-in-epstein-files-727a8038).

⁸ *How Trump's Personal Attorney Wound Up Investigating the Epstein Case at DOJ*, Washington Post (July 31, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/07/31/todd-blanche-trump-epstein-interview/).

⁹ *Ghislaine Maxwell Wants Immunity Before She Will Testify to Congress*, Washington Post (July 29, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/07/29/ghislaine-maxwell-wants-immunity-questions-advance-testify-congress/).

¹⁰ *Trump Again Doesn't Rule Out Pardoning Ghislaine Maxwell*, CNN (July 28, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-trade-deal-news-07-28-25).

has been and remains to avoid being held accountable for her crimes.”¹¹ In its sentencing memorandum, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York wrote that Ms. Maxwell “lied repeatedly about her crimes, exhibited an utter failure to accept responsibility, and demonstrated repeated disrespect for the law and the Court.”¹² One of Ms. Maxwell’s victims, Virginia Giuffre, reportedly stated that “[Maxwell is] definitely worse than Epstein. She used that charm, that wit, that smile to come off as somebody you want to trust.”¹³

In light of these facts, I am deeply concerned that the Trump Administration and BOP are providing favorable treatment to Ms. Maxwell in an effort to manipulate her stated recollection of the facts relating to Jeffrey Epstein. Congress will not tolerate a coverup or accept interference with our constitutional oversight responsibilities. Accordingly, we request that BOP provide the following information and materials to the Committee no later than August 15, 2025:

1. The specific rationale for, decision to, and circumstances regarding Ghislaine Maxwell’s transfer from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
2. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to the transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
3. All documents, communications, and other materials between the BOP, DOJ, White House, Office of the President, and any other federal department, agency, or office, regarding the transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan;
4. All documents, communications, and other materials regarding DAG Blanche’s meeting with Ghislaine Maxwell on July 24 and 25, 2025, to include any accommodations made by BOP to facilitate this meeting or secure her cooperation;
5. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to conversations, negotiations, bargains, deals, or arrangements made with Ghislaine Maxwell relating to her transfer from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp Bryan; and
6. All documents, communications, and other materials relating to BOP’s custody of Ghislaine Maxwell, to include but not limited to any and all presentence reports

¹¹ *Can Ghislaine Maxwell Be Trusted to Tell the Truth About Jeffrey Epstein?*, NBC News (July 24, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/will-ghislaine-maxwell-tell-truth-investigators-rcna216872).

¹² Sentencing Memorandum, *United States v. Maxwell*, No. 1:20-cr-00330-AJN (S.D.N.Y. June 22, 2025) (online at https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.539612/gov.uscourts.nysd.539612.670.0_1.pdf).

¹³ *Ghislaine Maxwell More Evil Than Epstein, Says Virginia Giuffre*, The Guardian (Dec. 30, 2021) (online at www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/dec/30/ghislaine-maxwell-more-evil-than-epstein-says-virginia-giuffre).

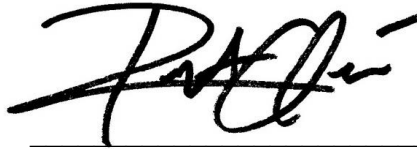
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and documentation relating to her history, behavior, and activity while an inmate at any federal correctional facility.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman