

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILLIAM J. CLINTON IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA DULY ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

Offered by Rep. Lee

Beginning on page 1, strike “The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, having considered this Report,” and all that follows through the end of the report and insert the following:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, having considered this Report, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the Report be approved.

The form of the Resolution that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform would recommend to the House of Representatives pursuant to this Report is as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall initiate judicial proceedings in any Federal court of competent jurisdiction, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to seek declaratory judgments affirming the duty of Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, to comply with the subpoena duly issued to her by the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on August 5, 2025, as part of its investigation into the federal government’s enforcement of sex trafficking law generally and specifically its handling of the investigation and prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Resolved, That the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall report as soon as practicable to the House with respect to any judicial proceedings which it initiates pursuant to this resolution.

Resolved, That the Office of General Counsel of the House of Representatives shall, at the authorization of the Speaker, represent the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in any litigation pursuant to this resolution. In giving that authorization, the Speaker shall consult with the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group established pursuant to clause 8 of rule II.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General of the United States (Attorney General Bondi), willfully failed to comply with a subpoena for the “full, complete, unredacted Epstein Files” issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (the Committee) relating to its investigation of (i) the alleged mismanagement of the federal government’s investigation into Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, (ii) the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein’s death, (iii) the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, (iv) ways in which Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell sought to curry favor and exercise influence to protect their illegal activities, and (v) potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials.¹

On August 5, 2025, the Committee issued a subpoena to Attorney General Bondi compelling her to produce “all documents and communications relating or referring to Mr. Jeffrey Epstein or Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell” to the Committee no later than August 19, 2025.² Since the initial subpoena more than five months ago, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has only produced approximately 33,000 pages of documents to the Committee, all of which were previously public or already in the possession of the Committee.³

During this time, DOJ refused to provide any anticipated timetable for completing its production, despite repeated outreach from Democratic Committee staff. Attorney General Bondi’s unwillingness to comply with the subpoena has substantially interfered with the Committee’s investigation. Accordingly, the Oversight Committee recommends that the House of Representatives seek a judicial order declaring Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi in violation of the subpoena issued to her to provide all documents in DOJ’s possession related to the Epstein investigation, and requiring her to expeditiously comply with the Committee’s subpoena.

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Congress holds an essential responsibility, through powers expressly granted by the Constitution, to conduct legislative oversight. That authority, affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, has been recognized on numerous occasions. The Supreme Court held in *McGrain v. Daugherty* that “the power of inquiry – with process to enforce it – is an essential and appropriate

¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, *Hearing on Catch and Release, Lose and Forget: Addressing the Crisis of Unaccompanied Alien Children, Part I* (July 23, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/catch-and-release-lose-and-forget-addressing-the-crisis-of-unaccompanied-alien-children-part-i/>).

² See Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Ranking Member Robert Garcia Statement After Oversight Democrats Successfully Subpoena the Department of Justice to Release Epstein Files* (July 24, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-robert-garcia-statement-after-oversight-democrats-successfully>); Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Subpoena to the Hon. Pamela J. Bondi* (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.05-Subpoena-and-Schedule-to-DOJ.pdf>).

³ *Justice Dept. Gives Congress Some Subpoenaed Epstein Files*, New York Times (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/08/22/us/politics/house-subpoena-epstein-files.html); *Epstein Files Update as Pam Bondi Admits “Glitches,”* Newsweek (Jan. 16, 2026) (online at www.newsweek.com/epstein-files-update-as-pam-bondi-admits-glitches-11371245).

auxiliary to the legislative function.”⁴ The Supreme Court has stated further that, “[a] legislative body cannot legislate wisely or effectively in the absence of information respecting the conditions which the legislation is intended to affect or change.”⁵ “The power of Congress to conduct investigations is inherent in the legislative process. That power is broad.”⁶ If a witness refuses to comply with a duly issued congressional subpoena, Congress is entitled to combat such refusal with a certified contempt citation, to be referred to the executive branch for the criminal prosecution of the contemnor.⁷

The Committee is a standing committee of the House of Representatives, duly established pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives, which are adopted pursuant to the Rulemaking Clause of the U.S. Constitution.⁸ House Rule X grants to the Committee broad jurisdiction over federal “[g]overnment management” and reform, including the “[o]verall economy, efficiency, and management of government operations and activities.”⁹ House Rule X further grants the Committee broad oversight jurisdiction, including authority to “conduct investigations of any matter without regard to clause 1, 2, 3, or this clause [of House Rule X] conferring jurisdiction over the matter to another standing committee.”¹⁰

House Rule XI clause 2(k)(6) states that “...the chair shall receive and the committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witnesses.”¹¹ Additionally, House Rule XI clause 2(m)(1)(B) specifically authorizes the Committee “to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers necessary.”¹² It also includes the authority for the Committee to create its own “rule[s] authorizing and regulating the taking of deposition by a member or counsel of the committee, including pursuant to subpoena under clause 2(m) of rule XI.”¹³ House Rules further provides that the “power to authorize and issue subpoenas” may be delegated to the Committee chairman.¹⁴ The subpoena discussed in this report was issued pursuant to these authorities by Chairman James Comer.

The subpoena issued to the Attorney General is part of the Committee’s review of the possible mismanagement of the federal government’s investigation into Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell, the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein’s death, the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, ways in which Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell sought to curry favor and exercise influence to protect their

⁴ *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U.S. 135, 174 (1927).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 1887 (1957).

⁷ 2 U.S.C. §192, §194.

⁸ U.S. Constitution, article I, § 2, clause 5.

⁹ House rule X, clause 1(n).

¹⁰ House rule X, clause 4(c)(2) (emphasis added).

¹¹ House rule XI, clause 2(k)(6).

¹² House rule XI, clause 2(m)(1)(B).

¹³ House rule XI, clause 2(m)(1)(B); House rule X, clause 4(c)(3).

¹⁴ House rule XI, clause 2(m)(3)(A)(1).

activities, and potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials. As explained in detail below, the requested documents would further the Committee’s investigation into these issues and the consideration of possible legislative reforms. Attorney General Bondi’s refusal to comply with the Committee’s subpoena is therefore hindering the Committee’s investigation.

BACKGROUND ON THE INVESTIGATION

On July 6, 2019, federal authorities arrested Jeffrey Epstein and, two days later, an indictment was unsealed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District for New York charging him with sex trafficking of minors and conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of minors.¹⁵ According to the indictment, Mr. Epstein sexually exploited and abused dozens of minor girls at his homes in Manhattan, Palm Beach, and other locations.¹⁶ Among other things, the indictment alleged that Mr. Epstein solicited girls as young as 14 years old to engage in sex acts with him in exchange for money.¹⁷ This was not the first time that Mr. Epstein had been investigated for committing sex crimes. In 2008, he pleaded guilty in Florida state court to two prostitution offenses, and, in exchange, he and his co-conspirators received immunity from federal prosecution through a non-prosecution agreement overseen by then-U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida R. Alexander Acosta.¹⁸

On August 10, 2019, while in federal custody at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York, New York, Mr. Epstein died.¹⁹ The Chief Medical Examiner of New York City ruled his death a suicide.²⁰ Subsequently, on June 28, 2022, Ms. Maxwell was sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiring with Mr. Epstein to sexually abuse minors.²¹

A. The Committee Seeks Information from Attorney General Bondi and DOJ as Part of Its Investigation.

On February 11, 2025, the Committee and its Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets (Task Force) sent a letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting a briefing regarding documents in DOJ’s possession concerning “the investigation into and prosecution of

¹⁵ Department of Justice, *Press Release: Jeffrey Epstein Charged in Manhattan Federal Court with Sex Trafficking of Minors* (July 8, 2019) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/jeffrey-epstein-charged-manhattan-federal-court-sex-trafficking-minors).

¹⁶ See Indictment, *United States v. Epstein*, 19 Crim. 490 (S.D.N.Y. 2019), at ¶ 1.

¹⁷ *Id.* at ¶¶ 2-3.

¹⁸ See *In re Wild*, 994 F.3d 1244 (11th Cir. 2021) (en banc).

¹⁹ *Jeffrey Epstein Dead in Suicide at Jail, Spurring Inquiries*, New York Times (Aug. 10, 2019) (online at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/10/nyregion/jeffrey-epstein-suicide.html>); see also Department of Justice, *Press Release: Statement from Attorney General William P. Barr on the Death of Jeffrey Epstein* (Aug. 10, 2019) (online at www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/statement-attorney-general-william-p-barr-death-jeffrey-epstein).

²⁰ Memorandum from Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation (released July 6, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

²¹ Department of Justice, *Press Release: Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison For Conspiring With Jeffery Epstein To Sexually Abuse Minors* (June 28, 2022) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse).

Jeffrey Epstein.”²² Later that month, Attorney General Bondi represented that an Epstein client list was “sitting on [her] desk right now to review.”²³ Shortly thereafter, DOJ released to a hand-picked group of right-wing influencers only 341 pages of Epstein-related documents, the vast majority of which were already public.²⁴

On May 8, 2025, the Task Force sent another letter to DOJ requesting the public release of “the entirety of the Epstein files” and a briefing regarding the release of these files.²⁵ At the same time, Attorney General Bondi further claimed that DOJ had “tens of thousands of videos of Epstein with children or child porn,” only for the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Kash Patel, to contradict that claim a month later.²⁶ On June 5, 2025, then-Representative Robert Garcia and Stephen Lynch, then-Acting Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform transmitted a letter to Director Patel and Attorney General Bondi seeking answers to a set of questions regarding the timeline and procedure for the full release of the Epstein files.²⁷

Yet in July, DOJ abruptly issued a cursory memorandum contradicting each of these claims, alleging that it had “conducted an exhaustive review” of the files in its possession, denying the existence of a client list and determining that there was “no evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties,” and that “no further disclosure would be appropriate or warranted.”²⁸ Moreover, while Attorney General Bondi repeatedly asserted publicly that the number of Epstein victims totaled approximately 250, the FBI represented in its memo that “Epstein harmed over one thousand victims.”²⁹

In response to DOJ’s inadequate response related to the Epstein investigation, on August 5, 2025 the Committee issued a bipartisan subpoena to Attorney General Bondi compelling her to produce “all documents and communications relating or referring to Mr. Jeffrey Epstein or Ms.

²² Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Chairwoman Anna Paulina Luna, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Feb. 11, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Task-Force-Letters.pdf>).

²³ *Bondi Says Epstein Client List ‘Sitting on My Desk’ for Review*, The Hill (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at <https://thehill.com/homenews/5158153-jeffrey-epstein-client-list-bondi-review/>).

²⁴ *AG Bondi Faces Heat from White House, Trump Allies Over Epstein Files Release*, ABC News (Mar. 4, 2025) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/ag-bondi-faces-heat-white-house-trump-allies/story?id=119435303>).

²⁵ Letter from Chairwoman Anna Paulina Luna, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, et al. to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (May 8, 2025) (online at <https://d12t4t5x3vyizu.cloudfront.net/luna.house.gov/uploads/2025/05/APL-Letter-to-DOJ-Re-Epstein.pdf>).

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ Letter from Robert Garcia and Stephen Lynch, Acting Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, Department of Justice (Jun. 5, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-06-05-lynch-garcia-to-patel-bondi-re-epstein-files.pdf>).

²⁸ Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memorandum (July 7, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl?inline).

²⁹ *Id.*; *Pam Bondi’s Botched Handling of the Epstein Files*, CNN (July 7, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/07/07/politics/bondi-epstein-files-client-list-suicide-memo).

Ghislaine Maxwell” to the Committee no later than August 19, 2025.³⁰ On August 22, 2025, three days after the subpoena deadline, DOJ made a single production to the Committee of approximately 33,000 documents consisting of materials that had previously been produced to the Committee or were already publicly available.³¹ DOJ has made no further productions to the Committee pursuant to its subpoena. Moreover, the agency has failed to provide specific information in response to repeated requests from Democratic Oversight staff as to DOJ’s anticipated timetable for completing its production.³²

B. Attorney General Bondi has Repeatedly Ignored the Committee’s Requests for Information.

The Trump administration has stated its “commitment to transparency and lifting the veil on the disgusting actions of Jeffrey Epstein and his co-conspirators” and President Trump himself has proclaimed that “the House Oversight Committee can have whatever they are legally entitled to, I DON’T CARE!” DOJ’s actions directly contradict these promises.³³

In an effort to rectify DOJ’s non-compliance, Democratic Committee staff have submitted numerous requests to DOJ for an accounting of materials still within DOJ’s possession and its plans to produce additional materials to the Committee. DOJ has failed to provide staff with any substantive or insightful information as to when the Committee may expect further productions.³⁴ Moreover, DOJ has failed to substantively respond to several official letters sent by the Ranking Member and Democratic Members of the Committee seeking information about compliance with the subpoena.

For example, on October 16, 2025, Ranking Member Garcia sent a letter to Attorney General Bondi demanding information on the progress of producing the Epstein files to the Committee.³⁵ On October 22, 2025, a second letter addressed to Attorney General Bondi

³⁰ See Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Democrats, *Press Release: Ranking Member Robert Garcia Statement After Oversight Democrats Successfully Subpoena the Department of Justice to Release Epstein Files* (July 24, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-robert-garcia-statement-after-oversight-democrats-successfully>); Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Subpoena to the Honorable Pamela J. Bondi* (Aug. 5, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.05-Subpoena-and-Schedule-to-DOJ.pdf>).

³¹ *Justice Dept. Gives Congress Some Subpoenaed Epstein Files*, New York Times (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/08/22/us/politics/house-subpoena-epstein-files.html); *Epstein Files Update as Pam Bondi Admits “Glitches,”* Newsweek (Jan. 16, 2026) (online at www.newsweek.com/epstein-files-update-as-pam-bondi-admits-glitches-11371245).

³² Emails from Committee Staff to Department of Justice dated Aug. 22, 2025, Aug. 26, 2025, Sept. 10, 2025, and Oct. 8, 2025 (on file with Committee).

³³ Department of Justice, *Press Release: Attorney General Pamela Bondi Releases First Phase of Declassified Epstein Files* (Feb. 27, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-pamela-bondi-releases-first-phase-declassified-epstein-files); Donald Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Nov. 16, 2025) (online at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115562626931599548>).

³⁴ Communications on file with the Committee.

³⁵ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Oct. 16, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-16.garcia-to-doj-re-maxwell.pdf>).

communicated grave concerns with DOJ's failure to comply with the subpoena and demanded release of responsive documents within DOJ's possession.³⁶ On November 21, 2025, Ranking Member Garcia transmitted yet another letter to Attorney General Bondi reminding her of the Justice Department's obligation to comply with the Committee's subpoena for the production of the Epstein files.³⁷

On November 25, 2025, DOJ transmitted a single letter to Ranking Member Garcia in response to the Committee Democrats' inquiries, indicating that it was working to comply with the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA) signed into law on November 19, 2025.³⁸ On this same day, DOJ transmitted a separate yet identical letter to Chairman Comer. Neither letter made any reference to the Committee's subpoena or DOJ's plans for compliance.

Despite these letters and significant efforts by Democratic staff, DOJ has refused to act. For their part, Oversight Republicans have made no effort to hold DOJ accountable for its blatant violation of the law and the harm it has done to the integrity of this investigation. If the Committee is proceeding with contempt, it should be aimed at DOJ, not the Clintons.

C. It Does Not Appear That DOJ Ever Planned to Comply with the Committee's Subpoena.

Despite the issuance of the Committee's subpoena to DOJ in August 2025, DOJ appears to have taken no action at that time to determine the number of Epstein-related documents in its possession. In December 2025, DOJ abruptly announced that it had discovered a new tranche of more than one million potentially relevant documents held by the agency.³⁹ On December 19, 22, and 24, 2025, DOJ released tens of thousands of pages of Epstein-related documents, many of which were already public, under the EFTA.⁴⁰ This release constitutes less than 1% of DOJ's Epstein-related files, putting DOJ in violation of the EFTA, which mandated release of all Epstein-related documents by December 19, 2025.⁴¹ In addition, DOJ's release of documents pursuant to EFTA does not absolve it of its responsibility to fulfill the Committee's subpoena.

³⁶ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Oct. 22, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-10-22.garcia-to-doj-re-giuffre-info.pdf>).

³⁷ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi, Department of Justice (Nov. 21, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-11-21.garcia-to-doj-re-epstein-subpoena-vs-act.pdf>).

³⁸ Letter from Assistant Attorney General Patrick Davis, Department of Justice, to Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Nov. 25, 2025).

³⁹ *DOJ Says It Could Take 'A Few More Weeks' To Process Epstein Files After Receiving More Than 1 Million Additional Docs*, NBC News (Dec. 24, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/doj-weeks-process-epstein-files-1-million-additional-documents-fbi-rcna250847).

⁴⁰ *Hundreds of Thousands of 'Epstein Files' Have Been Released — And There's A Lot More To Come*, CNN (Dec. 27, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/12/27/politics/epstein-files-what-to-know-doj).

⁴¹ *DOJ Says It Has Released Less Than 1% of Its Epstein Files And Is Still Reviewing More Than 2 Million Documents*, CNN (Jan. 6, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/06/politics/epstein-files-justice-department-review).

In January 2026, DOJ provided yet another estimate to a federal district court, reporting that “there are more than 2 million documents potentially responsive to the Act that are in various phases of review.”⁴² In addition, DOJ reportedly sought to recruit additional staff to review what it identified as 5.2 million additional pages of documents in its possession.⁴³

DOJ’s December 2025 productions prove that it has far more Epstein-related documents in its possession than the 33,000 it produced to the Committee in August. If DOJ had any intention of complying with the Committee’s lawfully issued subpoena, it would have produced, at minimum, the December documents to the Committee well before EFTA compelled their release to the public. The Committee’s subpoena does not allow for redactions to the same extent that EFTA does, so producing to the Committee would not require the level of preparation that DOJ is claiming impedes or slows its statutorily mandated releases to the public.⁴⁴

These failures more plausibly reflect a conscious choice to ignore Congress’s lawfully issued subpoena than mere inadvertence or negligence. Hence, Attorney General Bondi has plainly violated her obligations under the subpoena.

On January 8, 2026, Committee Democrats sent a letter to Chairman Comer demanding that Attorney General Bondi testify before the Committee relating to her violation of the Committee’s subpoena.⁴⁵ Chairman Comer neither responded nor acted on this request. Rather than pursue this glaring instance of congressional contempt, the Majority has opted to ignore it and instead make the Clintons the focus of this Committee’s time and resources. This is, quite self-evidently, an attempt to distract from their failure to seriously investigate this matter and from Donald Trump’s own obvious and extensive ties to Jeffrey Epstein.⁴⁶

D. Precedent Supports the Committee’s Position to Proceed with Holding Attorney General Bondi in Contempt.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly noted that “the power to investigate is inherent in the power to make laws because ‘[a] legislative body cannot legislate wisely or effectively in the absence of information respecting the conditions which the legislation is intended to affect or change.’”⁴⁷ Further, “[w]here the legislative body does not itself possess the requisite information—which not infrequently is true—recourse must be had to others who do possess it.

⁴² *Id.*

⁴³ *Department of Justice Is Reviewing Over 5.2 Million Jeffrey Epstein Files*, PBS (Dec. 31, 2025) (online at www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/departments-of-justice-is-reviewing-over-5-2-million-jeffrey-epstein-files).

⁴⁴ *DOJ Says It Could Take ‘A Few More Weeks’ To Process Epstein Files After Receiving More Than 1 Million Additional Docs*, NBC News (Dec. 24, 2025) (online at www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/doj-weeks-process-epstein-files-1-million-additional-documents-fbi-rcna250847).

⁴⁵ Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/202618garcia_to_comer_re_bondipdf.pdf).

⁴⁶ *Trump’s History with Jeffrey Epstein: Here’s The Full Timeline Ahead Of Epstein Files Release*, Forbes (Dec. 18, 2025) (online at www.forbes.com/sites/saradorn/2025/12/18/trumps-history-with-jeffrey-epstein-heres-the-full-timeline-ahead-of-epstein-files-release/).

⁴⁷ *Eastland v. United States Servicemen’s Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 504 (1975) (quoting *McGrain*, 273 U.S. at 175).

Experience has taught that mere requests for such information often are unavailing, and also that information which is volunteered is not always accurate or complete; so some means of compulsion are essential to obtain what is needed.”⁴⁸ The latter point is especially true for the current Trump administration which, despite claims to the contrary, has engaged in widespread obfuscation,⁴⁹ misrepresentations,⁵⁰ and outright violations of court orders.⁵¹

Accordingly, the Committee must initiate judicial proceedings to enforce the duly issued subpoena addressed to Attorney General Bondi so that it may fully pursue its investigation and related legislative purposes.

CONCLUSION

The Committee has attempted for more than five months to secure DOJ and Attorney General Bondi’s cooperation with the Committee’s subpoena. However, DOJ and Attorney General Bondi have failed to produce documents and offered no substantive justifications, let alone meritorious ones, for their continued obstruction. Attorney General Bondi’s actions have impeded the Committee’s investigation and ability to perform its Constitutional oversight duties. Attorney General Bondi’s willful refusal to comply with the Committee’s subpoena necessitates immediate legal action by the Committee to enforce its duly issued subpoena.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On January 21, 2026, the Committee met in open session and ordered the contempt Report favorably reported with [or without] an amendment, by roll call vote of [__ to __], a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of House rule XIII, the Committee states that the following recorded votes occurred during the Committee’s consideration of the Report:

[. . .]

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of House rule XIII, the Committee advises that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this report.

⁴⁸ *Id.* at 504-05.

⁴⁹ *DOJ Whistleblower Says He Witnessed Government Officials Undermining The Rule of Law*, CBS News (Oct. 19, 2025) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/justice-department-whistleblower-says-he-witnessed-officials-undermining-rule-of-law-60-minutes-transcript/>).

⁵⁰ *Legal Watchdog Files Bar Complaints Against Justice Dept. Lawyers*, New York Times (July 31, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/07/31/us/politics/justice-department-lawyers-complaint.html).

⁵¹ *DOJ Lawyers’ Courtroom Lies Challenge Judiciary*, Ex-Judges Say, Bloomberg Law (Oct. 22, 2025) (online at <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/judiciary-navigates-doj-lawyers-courtroom-lies-ex-judges-say>).

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

The Committee finds the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a) of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974*, and the requirements of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII and section 402 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974*, to be inapplicable to this Report. Accordingly, the Committee did not request or receive a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office and makes no findings as to the budgetary impacts of this Report or costs incurred to carry out the Report.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of House rule XIII, no provision of this Report establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Committee states that pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of House rule XIII, this Report is to enforce the Committee's authority to subpoena and obtain testimony related to its investigation into (i) the alleged mismanagement of the federal government's investigation into Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, (ii) the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein's death, (iii) the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, (iv) ways in which Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell sought to curry favor and exercise influence to protect their illegal activities, and (v) potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials, and its efforts to develop legislative reforms to address problems identified in that investigation, including reforms to combat sex trafficking.

ADVISORY ON EARMARKS

In accordance with clause 9 of House rule XXI, this Report does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clauses 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of House Rule XXI.