

Judiciary Committee Member Day
Testimony by Congresswoman Stansbury
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Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member, and Members of the Committee—

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. It is an honor to appear before the Judiciary Committee to discuss this investigation that is as serious as it is urgent—and that is the Epstein Investigation currently before Congress.

I want start by acknowledging the steps this Committee has taken just three days to help pass a discharge petition to compel the Administration and the Department of Justice to release the full Epstein files. We are grateful for your partnership and as a Member of the House Oversight Committee I am here today to talk about where our investigation and the evidence has taken us so far and what comes next.

This should not be a partisan issue. Sexual violence is not a partisan issue. Justice for survivors is not a partisan issue. And, the pursuit of truth, transparency, and accountability are essential for restoring trust in our institutions, especially when powerful individuals are involved in criminal misconduct and the system has failed to deliver justice.

The Importance of this Investigation

The Oversight Committee’s investigation is, at its core, an inquiry by the United States Congress into:

- credible allegations of criminal behavior by powerful individuals;
- a justice system that repeatedly failed women and girls who were abused, raped, groomed, and trafficked; and
- powerful individuals who may never have been fully investigated or held accountable.

This is not, and will never be, an attempt to “move on.” We will continue to follow the evidence and pursue justice to its end.

In recent weeks, pursuant to a subpoena issued by the House Oversight Committee received a tranche of teen of thousands of documents from the Epstein Estate—which include over 1,600 references involving the President. This include emails, correspondence, bank records, references of litigation, and statements by Epstein himself.

I want to be very clear: These materials contain allegations, including claims made in sworn filings, and statements whose credibility must now be evaluated through a full and transparent investigative process. Which is precisely why releasing the full set of Epstein files and this Congressional inquiry are essential.

Included in these documents are materials referencing:

- A sexual assault suit against Epstein in which Donald Trump appears to have been subpoenaed, served, and deposed.
- Sworn statements and court documents involving a then-16-year-old who was recruited at Mar-a-Lago, who alleged she was groomed and sexually assaulted by Epstein and others—including individuals of significant global influence.

Statements in emails and correspondence attributed to Epstein in which he states:

- that Trump “knew about the girls,”
- in which Epstein indicates that Trump was aware that minors were being recruited from Mar-a-lago,
- that Trump was present at Epstein’s residence on numerous occasions,
- that Epstein claimed to have photographs of Trump with young women at his house, and
- that Trump was the “dog that hadn’t barked”—a phrase indicating his silence to police, which raised questions.

The files also reference:

- bank transactions between Epstein and Trump,
- discussions of Trump’s financial affairs,
- and concerns about potential money laundering through real estate deals—matters that may or may not have criminal significance, but which clearly warrant investigation.

Other documents include Epstein’s assessment that he faced a mandatory minimum of at least ten years in prison—yet the U.S. Department of Justice failed to indict and prosecute this case under federal law in spite of the recommendation of his own line prosecutor. These statements appear to contradict sworn statements given by former U.S. Attorney Alex Acosta in front of the Oversight Committee in a transcribed interview on September 19, 2025, in which he claimed he did not prosecute due to a lack of credible evidence.

Together, these documents form a substantial body of evidence—evidence that the American people deserve to see.

So I say to the public: believe your eyes. Read the documents. They speak for themselves. And to you, Members of this Committee, many of whom are seasoned attorneys, we need your expertise in this case.

Why Justice Matters in this Case

Justice in this case matters, because these survivors have waited decades for accountability.

It matters because individuals who abused women and girls must be held accountable—no matter their position, wealth, or power.

It matters because those who enabled, facilitated, financed, or participated in Epstein's criminal enterprise must face the truth.

It matters because transparency is necessary for healing.

And it matters because Congress has a responsibility to ensure our laws and justice system to protect the victims and not those committing crimes—including strengthening victims' rights legislation. Legislation that would likely move through this very committee.

Entering Materials Into the Record

Today, I am entering into the record the documents referenced in my remarks, organized by topic and in the order presented:

1. Court filings and sworn statements involving victims
2. Correspondence and emails involving Epstein and notable associates
3. Financial documents and bank transfers
4. Records referencing the President
5. Statements attributed to Epstein regarding recruitment of minors
6. Litigation records involving Mar-a-Lago recruitment allegations
7. Documents referencing individuals implicated by plaintiffs
8. Evidence contradicting prior DOJ testimony or statements

These materials are essential for a full public accounting. While the full records obtained from the Estate are publicly available on the Oversight Committee's website, I would like to request to have this particular set of key documents entered into this hearing record, because of their significance to our Congressional investigations

The Call for Truth, Transparency, and Accountability

Finally, I just want to say thank you. We know, as the victims have told us, the truth is out there. It is knowable. The survivors know what happened. And, that it is why it is time—way past time—to release the files, in full, whatever we may find.

And, to the survivors:

And to every woman and little girl who has ever wept, felt shame, or believed you were alone...
To every parent who has feared the worst...
To every survivor who felt the system failed you...

Know this:

You are not alone.

We see you.

We believe you.

We are fighting for you.

And we will not stop until truth and justice are served.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

In email as well