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Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel,

I write with concern that the Department of Justice is failing to comply with the Epstein Files Transparency Act, which requires the release of all documents and records relating to Jeffrey Epstein, and a summary of all redactions made.

In a February 14th letter to Congress from the Office of the Attorney General, it is stated that “unredacted versions of these materials are available for inspection at the Department by members of Congress.” On Friday, February 13, 2026, I performed my Congressional oversight duty of viewing the Epstein files and found that at least hundreds of pages remain redacted without sufficient justification. Upon viewing the documents within the Bates ranges EFTA00006109-EFTA00006208, EFTA00006209-EFTA00006308, and EFTA00006307-EFTA00006363, for example, I found that each page was entirely redacted. When I inquired about these fully redacted documents, DOJ personnel indicated that it was “how the FBI sent them over.” These broad redactions are contradictory to the assurances made in the February 14th letter, and to the requirements of the Epstein Files Transparency Act. Additionally, multiple files, such as documents with the Bates numbers EFTA01743628 and EFTA01743632, included correspondence with attachment links that were not viewable.

I demand that unredacted versions of these files be made available for review by members of Congress. I request a response by March 5th, 2026, explaining why these documents were redacted, and the Department’s plan to make these files available for Congressional oversight. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress