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December 20, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is investigating the role of the Department of Justice in approving an extremely favorable deal for convicted sexual predator Jeffrey Epstein and concealing the deal from the survivors of Mr. Epstein's crimes.

On July 10, 2019, the Committee sent a letter to Corey Amundson, the Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), requesting a briefing on the status of that office's investigation of this matter.<sup>1</sup> The Department sent a cursory response on August 2, 2019, confirming OPR's investigation, but declining to provide an estimate for when it would be complete. The Department also declined to provide the requested briefing.<sup>2</sup>

Since the Department has declined to provide the briefing or any other information about the status of its investigation, the Committee is now commencing its own review. The Committee requests that the Department produce, by January 3, 2020, all documents, including email communications, regarding the plea agreement with Mr. Epstein or relating to whether, when, or how to provide information regarding this agreement to the survivors of Mr. Epstein's abuses. The Department's response should include any documents reflecting the Department's

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairman Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Reform, Chairman Jamie Raskin, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Committee on Oversight and Reform, et al., to Corey Amundson, Department of Justice (July 10, 2019) (online at [oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2019-07-10.EEC%20JR%20Speier%20Schultz%20Frankel%20to%20Amundson-DOJ%20re%20Acosta%20Investigation.pdf](http://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2019-07-10.EEC%20JR%20Speier%20Schultz%20Frankel%20to%20Amundson-DOJ%20re%20Acosta%20Investigation.pdf)). *See also* Letter from Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Jackie Speier, Jamie Raskin, et al., to Attorney General William Barr, Department of Justice (Mar. 1, 2019) (online at [raskin.house.gov/sites/raskin.house.gov/files/2019.03.01%20DWS%20Frankel%20Speier%20Letter%20to%20DOJ.pdf](http://raskin.house.gov/sites/raskin.house.gov/files/2019.03.01%20DWS%20Frankel%20Speier%20Letter%20to%20DOJ.pdf)) (requesting that the results of the Office of Professional Responsibility's review "be made publicly available and provided to Congress").

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd, Department of Justice, to Chairman Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Aug. 5, 2019) (online at [oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/DOJ.080219.Response%20to%20EEC%20Raskin%20Speier%20Schultz%20Frankel%20re%20Acosta%20Investigation.pdf](http://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/DOJ.080219.Response%20to%20EEC%20Raskin%20Speier%20Schultz%20Frankel%20re%20Acosta%20Investigation.pdf)).


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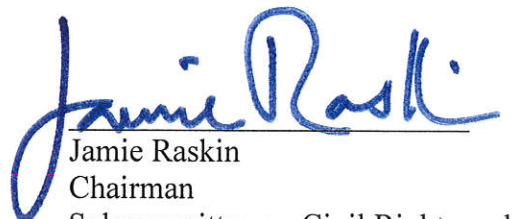
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standards of professional responsibility applicable to attorneys in the Southern District of Florida at the time, as well as any documents relating to Mr. Epstein's work release, conditions, and treatment during his confinement. If the Department has already collected information regarding these matters and provided it to OPR, or if OPR has collected this information itself, the Department may begin its production to the Committee by producing those materials to the Committee.


The Committee on Oversight and 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 about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

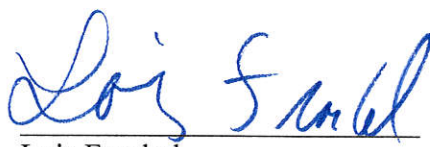
Sincerely,

  
Carolyn B. Maloney  
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Committee on Oversight and Reform

  
Jamie Raskin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil Rights and  
Civil Liberties

  
Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

  
Debbie Wasserman-Schultz  
Member of Congress

  
Lois Frankel  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Chip Roy, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties