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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter to the Department of Justice's (Department) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Director dated July 10, 2019, concerning the non-prosecution agreement entered into between the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and Jeffrey Epstein in 2008 and the prosecutors' compliance with the Crime Victims' Rights Act. We are sending identical responses to the other Members who joined your letter.

As you know, on July 8, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York announced the unsealing of a federal felony indictment against Mr. Epstein on charges of sex trafficking of minors and conspiring to commit sex trafficking of minors. The Department does not comment on ongoing criminal matters.

However, OPR has previously acknowledged that it has undertaken an investigation into allegations that Department attorneys may have committed professional misconduct in the manner in which the Epstein criminal matter was resolved in 2008. For reference, since its inception in 1975, OPR has conducted thorough and unbiased investigations of professional misconduct allegations against Department attorneys. Specifically, OPR has jurisdiction to review, investigate, and refer for appropriate action allegations of misconduct involving Department attorneys that relate to the exercise of their authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 0.39a(a)(1). Additional information about OPR and its procedures can be found at www.justice.gov/opr.

The Department is aware of the public interest in the Epstein matter, including the outcome of OPR's ongoing investigation. While we cannot provide a timetable for the investigation's completion at this time, we can assure you that OPR intends to follow its established practices in accordance with law and Departmental policy regarding this matter.

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OPR is thoroughly investigating the allegations of misconduct that have been raised and, consistent with its practice, will share its results with you at the conclusion of its investigation as appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Boyd', with a large loop at the start and a horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member