

August 28, 2025

Chairman James Comer
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

**Re: Subpoena of the Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform of the House of Representatives**

Dear Chairman Comer,

I write in response to the Committee's above-referenced subpoena dated August 5, 2025, commanding me to appear before the Committee on August 28, 2025, "to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry" currently before the Committee. Letter from James Comer, Chairman, Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, to Jefferson B. Sessions, Former Att'y Gen., U.S. DOJ (Aug. 5, 2025). Your letter to me of the same date further advises that the matters of inquiry for which my testimony is being sought relate to "the federal government's enforcement of sex trafficking laws generally and specifically its handling of the investigation and prosecution of Mr. [Jeffrey] Epstein and Ms. [Ghislaine] Maxwell." Id. at 3. More specifically, your letter notes that during my tenure as Attorney General, the Department of Justice "was litigating against victims of Mr. Jeffrey Epstein who alleged that the Department had violated their rights under the Crime Victims Rights Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3771, in negotiating a non-prosecution agreement with Mr. Epstein. In addition, while you were Attorney General, the Department may have been engaging in an investigation of Mr. Epstein that led to his final arrest in 2019." Id. at 1. Because these Epstein-related matters were, or may have been, pending in the Department while I was serving as the Attorney General, "the Committee believes that [I] possess knowledge and information relevant to its investigation." Id. at 3.

As I assured the Committee's General Counsel, I will cooperate fully with the Committee's investigation, including appearing for a deposition before the Committee if necessary.

But given that I do not possess knowledge and information relevant to the Committee's investigation into Epstein-related matters, I offer this letter in lieu of a deposition that would unproductively consume this important Committee's scarce time and resources.

My service as the Attorney General began on February 9, 2017, and concluded on November 7, 2018.

With respect to the Victim Rights Act action filed by victims of Mr. Epstein, I am now aware that it was brought in the federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida in July 2008 and was ultimately resolved by a decision of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting *en banc*, in April 2021. *See In re Wild*, 994 F.3d 1244 (11th Cir. 2021). Although it was being litigated in the Southern District of Florida during my tenure, it is my understanding that the case was being handled by the office of the United States Attorney for that district. I had no involvement in the filing, management, or direction of the litigation, nor did I ever meet with or communicate with anyone in the SDFL about the case or give any instructions about it. I have a vague recollection of reading something about the case in the news media. Otherwise, I have no recollection of any briefing or active involvement with the case.

With respect to the investigation and indictment of Mr. Epstein in the Southern District of New York, I had left office as the Attorney General eight months before that indictment was returned in July 2019. It is my recollection that the investigation was initiated by the SDNY without my knowledge, and I never spoke with any federal prosecutors involved in the case about the investigation. Such a case would be within SDNY's jurisdiction and this would be the normal course of things. It is possible that I may have learned of the existence of the investigation from the media or some internal DOJ communication but I am confident that I never met with or discussed the case with anyone at the SDNY. Nor did I direct the investigation in any manner or opine on any possible indictment. In any case, it would have been my expectation that the investigation would be conducted according to the highest standards of the DOJ just as the tens of thousands of cases that are the responsibility of the various U. S. Attorneys across the country are conducted every day.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, recollection, and belief, and I am aware of my obligations under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. If I may be of further assistance to the Committee's inquiry, please do let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jefferson B. Sessions III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jefferson" and "Sessions" being the most prominent parts.

Jefferson B. Sessions III
Former Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

cc: Robert Garcia