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Dr. Simone Kämpfer
General Counsel
Deutsche Bank AG

Dear Dr. Kämpfer:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Committee) is reviewing the possible mismanagement of the federal government's investigation of Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein's death, the operation of sex trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, and potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials. The Committee is subpoenaing certain financial records in the possession, custody, or control of Deutsche Bank AG (Deutsche Bank) that are relevant to this investigation.

The Committee is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X.¹ This subpoena is being issued pursuant to my authority as the Chairman of the Committee under Rule XI, clause 2(m)(1)(B) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and Rule 12(g) of the Committee's Rules.²

The facts and circumstances surrounding both Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell's cases have recently received immense public interest and scrutiny. At the outset of the 119th Congress, on February 11, 2025, the Committee and the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets (Task Force) sent a letter to the Department of Justice (Department) requesting a briefing regarding documents in the Department's possession regarding "the investigation into and prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein."³ On May 8, the Task Force sent another letter to the Department requesting the public release of "the entirety of the Epstein files" and a briefing regarding the release of these files.⁴

¹ Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).

² *Id.*; and Rule XI, cl. 2(m)(1)(B).

³ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Anna Paulina Luna, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Task Force on the Declassification of Fed. Secrets, to Pamela Bondi, Att'y Gen., U.S. Dep't of Just. (Feb. 11, 2025).

⁴ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Anna Paulina Luna, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, Task Force on the Declassification of Fed. Secrets, to Pamela Bondi, Att'y Gen., U.S. Dep't of Just. (May 8, 2025).

On July 17, President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social, “I have asked Attorney General Pam Bondi to produce any and all pertinent Grand Jury testimony, subject to court approval...”⁵ On July 18, in response to the President’s direction, Attorney General Bondi posted on X, “[o]ur motion has been filed.”⁶ On August 5, 2025, the Committee issued a subpoena to the Department for documents related to Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell, including but not limited to documents contained within the case files regarding *United States v. Jeffrey Epstein* (19-cr-490) and *United States v. Ghislaine Maxwell* (20-cr-330) and documents and communications relating or referring to the death of Mr. Epstein.⁷

Subsequently, on August 25, 2025, the Committee issued a subpoena to the Estate of Jeffrey Epstein (Estate) for “documents relevant to the Committee’s investigation, including the alleged ‘birthday book’ prepared for Mr. Epstein by Ms. Maxwell.”⁸ On September 8, 2025, the Estate provided some of the requested records including the “birthday book,” Mr. Epstein’s will, the non-prosecution agreement signed by Mr. Epstein in 2008, and two contact books that belonged to Mr. Epstein.⁹ The Committee also obtained information about Mr. Epstein’s bank records and seeks further information regarding these records.¹⁰ The Committee is aware that Mr. Epstein held accounts at Deutsche Bank, and that Mr. Epstein banked with Deutsche Bank from 2013 until potentially late 2018.¹¹

The records sought by this subpoena will assist in the Committee’s oversight of 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. Moreover, public reporting, based on litigation on behalf of Mr. Epstein’s victims, indicates that financial institutions used by Mr. Epstein may have “miss[ed] red flags of his abuses” or even “aided [Mr.] Epstein.”¹² These records will therefore also assist the Committee’s oversight of the role that financial institutions may play in facilitating the operation of sex trafficking rings. This oversight will inform legislative solutions to combat sex trafficking, including potential reforms to improve the efforts of financial institutions in this area.

In short, the records sought by this subpoena are critical to further the Committee’s investigation. As Chairman of the Committee, I urge your client to cooperate speedily and in

⁵ Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social, (July 17, 2025, 9:07 P.M. E.T.) available at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114871557460531003>.

⁶ Att’y Gen. Pamela Bondi (@AGPamBondi), X, (July 18, 2025, 7:09 P.M. E.T.) available at <https://x.com/AGPamBondi/status/1946346621274317115>.

⁷ See Subpoena to Pamela J. Bondi, Att’y Gen., Dep’t of Just. (Aug. 5, 2025).

⁸ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov’t Reform, to Darren Indyke & Richard Kahn, Co-Executors, The Estate of Jeffrey Epstein (Aug. 25, 2025).

⁹ Press Release, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov’t Reform, Oversight Committee Releases Records Provided by the Epstein Estate, Chairman Comer Provides Statement (Sept. 8, 2025).

¹⁰ *Id.*

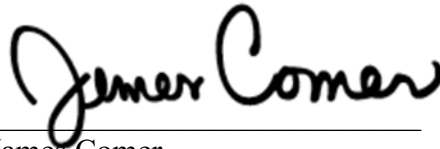
¹¹ Matthew Goldstein, *Deutsche Bank Will Pay \$75 Million to Victims of Jeffrey Epstein*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (May 17, 2023).

¹² Luc Cohen, *US judge approves Deutsche Bank \$75 million settlement with Epstein accusers*, REUTERS (Oct. 20, 2023).

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good faith with this subpoena. If you have any questions regarding this subpoena, please coordinate with Oversight Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Comer" clearly legible.

James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform