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Mr. Alan Dershowitz

Dear Mr. Dershowitz:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Committee) is reviewing: (i) the alleged mismanagement of the federal government's investigation into Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, (ii) the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein's death, (iii) the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, (iv) ways in which Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell sought to curry favor and exercise influence to protect their illegal activities, and (v) potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials.

The Committee sent you a letter on June 12, 2026, requesting that you appear before the Committee for a voluntary transcribed interview.¹ Of course, the Committee's request followed several statements by you to the press in which you expressed your desire to testify "about everything" in a "videotaped, under oath and open to the public" interview.² In response to the Committee's request, you stated publicly that you were "happy to appear."³ The Committee understood these repeated declarations as your willingness to testify before the Committee in a transcribed interview. Accordingly, the Committee appreciated you expeditiously agreeing to appear before the Committee for a videotaped transcribed interview on July 20, 2026.⁴

However, on July 15, 2026, your counsel notified the Committee that you "cannot now testify in Congress concerning the matters in which [the Committee] are interested."⁵ This notice

¹ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz (June 12, 2026).

² The Record with Greta Van Susteren, NEWSMAX (June 9, 2026); Ryan Mancini, *Dershowitz wants 'complete transparency' if called to testify in House Epstein investigation*, THE HILL (June 10, 2026).

³ Elise A. Spenner, *Dershowitz Asked to Testify Before House Oversight Committee in July on Epstein Ties*, THE HARVARD CRIMSON (June 13, 2026).

⁴ Phone Call from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Prof. of Law, Emeritus (June 18, 2026, at 2:26PM); *See also* Phone Call from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Prof. of Law, Emeritus (June 19, 2026, at 10:48AM). *See also* Phone Call from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Prof. of Law, Emeritus (June 16, 2026, at 1:18PM). *See also* Message from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Prof. of Law, Emeritus, Messages (June 17, 2026, at 12:24PM). *See also* Message from Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Prof. of Law, Emeritus, to Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Messages (June 17, 2026, at 12:39PM).

⁵ Email from Imran H. Ansari to Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform (July 15, 2026, at 2:39PM).

was provided only five days before the date of your transcribed interview and after the Committee had already exhausted critical resources to prepare for your appearance. Your counsel failed to provide a reason for your refusal to testify. When Committee staff followed up with your counsel via email on July 15 and 17, 2026,⁶ your counsel again failed to provide an explanation for your refusal to attend your transcribed interview.⁷ This is unacceptable.

As the Committee's letter to you on June 12, 2026, made clear, the Committee believes you have information relevant to the Committee's investigation.⁸ Indeed, you stated publicly that you have information about Mr. Epstein and his associates that directly relates to the Committee's investigation.⁹ You also claimed that, regarding Mr. Epstein, you "remember everything, and [] know a great deal about it."¹⁰ Finally, you have stated unequivocally that you have "nothing to hide."¹¹ Nonetheless, you now seemingly wish to hide from this Committee's investigation.

The Committee is committed to a transparent investigation and expects you to be forthcoming. The Committee will not tolerate any further delay. Accordingly, we reiterate our request that you testify at an in-person, videotaped transcribed interview on September 2, 2026. If you fail to adhere to this request, the Committee will explore all available tools at its disposal, including the use of the compulsory process.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 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.¹² To schedule your appearance for the interview or ask related questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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

⁶ Email from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Imran H. Ansari (July 15, 2026, at 3:12PM); Email from Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Imran H. Ansari (July 17, 2026, at 12:00PM).

⁷ Email from Imran H. Ansari to Daniel Ashworth, Gen. Counsel, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform (July 17, 2026, at 12:15PM).

⁸ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Alan Dershowitz (June 12, 2026).

⁹ Diana Falzone, *Alan Dershowitz expected to be called to testify about Epstein*, NewsNation (June 10, 2026).

¹⁰ Sandy Fitzgerald, *Dershowitz to Newsmax: 'I'm Happy to Testify' Publicly on Epstein*, NEWSMAX (Feb. 6, 2026).

¹¹ Falzone, *supra* n. 9.

¹² Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).