

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 6, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C

Dear Speaker Johnson,

The Senate has unanimously passed a resolution opposing a pardon or clemency for Ghislaine Maxwell. The House must, without delay, do the same.

There are now multiple resolutions that have been introduced holding that Ghislaine Maxwell—a convicted child sex trafficker and essential partner in lurid crime with Jeffrey Epstein—should not receive a pardon, commutation, or any other form of clemency from the President of the United States. You have not yet provided for any legislative forum or consideration of these resolutions.

It is time for action.

Ghislaine Maxwell enabled one of the most horrific global child sex trafficking operations in modern history. Her criminal conviction by a unanimous jury was an essential step toward justice and recovery for the hundreds of survivors of Jeffrey Epstein’s brutal criminal enterprise. Maxwell was at the center of this evil conspiracy along with Epstein. As one survivor put it at trial, “the many acts that were perpetrated on me by Epstein, including rape, strangulation, and sexual assault were never consensual, and would have never occurred had it not been for the cunning and premeditated role Ghislaine Maxwell played.”¹ Despite this gruesome history, President Trump has repeatedly toyed with the idea of pardoning Maxwell and refused to rule it out.² To this day, Maxwell continues to pursue a pardon from President Trump, while the administration allows her to reside in a minimum-security facility with amenities that should not be afforded to prolific sex traffickers.

Congress should take a stand. Granting executive clemency would plainly erode public confidence in the rule of law and send the dangerous message that accountability for even the most heinous crimes can be negotiated away. More specifically, executive clemency would inflict another profound injustice and injury on the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein’s trafficking network, who received no mercy from Epstein or Maxwell. If nothing else, they deserve the certainty that those most responsible will be held accountable without an egregious abuse of the pardon power.

You have previously recognized the depravity of Ms. Maxwell’s criminal behavior and the fact that she belongs in a federal prison for the harm she perpetrated on nearly 1,000 victims. A year ago you stated unequivocally that Maxwell’s 20-year prison sentence was insufficient given the “unspeakable crimes,” she perpetrated, asserting she deserves a life sentence.³

¹ *Speaker Johnson Says A Ghislaine Maxwell Pardon Would Give Him ‘Great Pause’*, NBC NEWS (July 27, 2025), www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywPk42HsqfM&t=54s.

² Steve Holland & Jeff Mason, *Trump Says He Will Talk to DOJ About Maxwell Pardon, Says Diddy Asked for One*, REUTERS (Oct. 6, 2025), www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-says-he-will-talk-doj-about-maxwell-pardon-saysdiddy-asked-one-2025-10-06/.

³ *Speaker Johnson Says A Ghislaine Maxwell Pardon Would Give Him ‘Great Pause’*, NBC News (July 27, 2025), www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywPk42HsqfM&t=54s.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2026, the United States Senate took action. It unanimously declared that Ghislaine Maxwell—a convicted sex trafficker and co-conspirator of Jeffrey Epstein—should not be granted a presidential pardon or any other form of executive clemency. This was the determination of every Republican Senator, every Democratic Senator, and every Independent Senator.

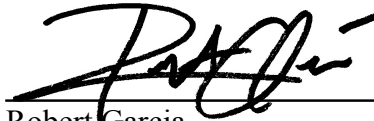
We urge you to call such a vote without delay and without asking the permission of President Trump, Attorney General Todd Blanche or anyone else reporting to the White House. This is a matter for the House of Representatives to consider.

We urge you to put your own words into action and bring a resolution opposing any form of clemency for Ghislaine Maxwell to the House floor without delay so that the House may reaffirm that child sexual abuse and human trafficking are abominable crimes that should be met with justice, not a pardon.

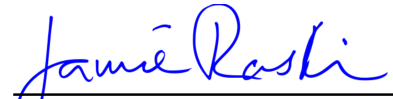
Sincerely,



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