

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 4, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche:

I write to demand that the Department of Justice work with U.S. District Judge Kenneth Karas to unseal a purported suicide note attributed to Jeffrey Epstein. This note must be immediately reviewed and publicly released to aid federal officials who are investigating Jeffrey Epstein and the circumstances around his death.

Recent reporting indicates that this note was discovered by Mr. Epstein's cellmate, later provided to defense counsel, and ultimately placed under seal by a federal court in unrelated proceedings. The reporting further indicates that the note has not been publicly released and may not have been included in prior federal investigative or disclosure efforts.<sup>1</sup>

The Department of Justice has yet to make any arrests other than Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, despite the existence of millions of documents that suggest a vast network of sex traffickers, including many high-profile individuals at the center. It is critical that the Department avoid the appearance of covering up for criminals simply because of a person's status and resources. If a suicide note exists and was not reviewed, obtained, or disclosed, the Department must explain why.

Accordingly, I request that you provide written responses no later than May 18, 2026, to the following:

1. Has the Department of Justice or any of its components—including the Federal Bureau of Prisons or the Department's Office of Inspector General—ever obtained, reviewed, or sought access to this purported note? If not, when and how did the Department first become aware of its existence?
2. Did the Department consider this document within the scope of materials relevant to its prior investigative or disclosure efforts related to Mr. Epstein?
3. What steps, if any, has the Department taken to verify the existence and authenticity of this document?
4. Does the Department intend to seek unsealing of this note or otherwise facilitate its public release? If not, why not?

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<sup>1</sup> [Jeffrey Epstein's Possible Suicide Note Hidden from Public View, The New York Times \(Apr. 30, 2026\)](#)


5. Are there additional Epstein-related materials known to exist that were not included in prior Department reviews or disclosures?

Transparency in this investigation is essential. A document that could bear on Mr. Epstein's condition in the weeks before his death cannot remain sealed, unreviewed, or outside the scope of federal scrutiny.

While reporting indicates that the contents and authenticity of this note have not been independently verified, that uncertainty only underscores the need for immediate action. If such a document exists, the Department should work expeditiously with the court to obtain, review, and—consistent with the law—make it public.

The survivors of Jeffrey Epstein deserve a full and transparent accounting of all pertinent information.

Sincerely,



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Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress

CC:

Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons

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