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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Ghislaine Maxwell should not receive a pardon, commutation, or other form of clemency from the President of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Ghislaine Maxwell should not receive a pardon, commutation, or other form of clemency from the President of the United States.

Whereas, on December 29, 2021, Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on multiple counts related to the sexual abuse and trafficking of minors, including conspiracy to entice minors to travel to engage in illegal sex acts, conspiracy to transport minors to participate in illegal sex acts, transporting a minor to participate in illegal sex acts, sex trafficking conspiracy, and sex trafficking of a minor;

Whereas evidence presented at her trial demonstrated that Ghislaine Maxwell actively participated in and facilitated the grooming and abuse of young girls by the now-deceased convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, including by luring children to Epstein's residence;

Whereas, on June 28, 2022, Ghislaine Maxwell was sentenced to 20 years in prison and 5 years of supervised release, and is currently in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons;

Whereas Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell participated in or facilitated the sexual abuse of hundreds of children;

Whereas childhood sexual abuse and sex trafficking are heinous crimes that have lifelong physical and mental health implications for survivors;

Whereas Jeffrey Epstein is deceased, and Ghislaine Maxwell's ongoing imprisonment is thus the only measure of justice available to these victims;

Whereas there has been significant public speculation regarding the possibility that the President may seek to pardon Ghislaine Maxwell, and when asked about this speculation, he has explicitly affirmed his authority to do so;

Whereas Article II, Section 2, Clause I of the Constitution provides the President "shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States"; and

Whereas the Framers of the Constitution provided the President with such powers so he could address miscarriages of justice Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns child sexual abuse, sex traf-
2 ficking, and those who participate in or facilitate
3 such criminal acts;

4 (2) stands with the countless victims of Jeffrey
5 Epstein's and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes in their
6 lifelong struggles for healing and closure;

7 (3) affirms that Ghislaine Maxwell's conviction
8 and sentencing were more than warranted by the
9 facts, and any receipt of a pardon, commutation, or
10 other form of clemency by Ghislaine Maxwell would
11 deny survivors the justice they deserve; and

12 (4) formally opposes the granting of a pardon,
13 commutation, or other form of clemency to Ghislaine
14 Maxwell.