

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pamela Bondi  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write regarding the recent transfer of Ghislaine Maxwell from FCI Tallahassee, a low security federal prison, to FPC Bryan, a minimum-security prison camp in Texas.<sup>1</sup> According to public reporting, this move occurred shortly after Ms. Maxwell met privately with Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche to discuss individuals associated with Jeffrey Epstein.<sup>2</sup> To date, there has been no clear explanation for why the transfer was made, suggesting the administration has simply been paying lip service to repeated calls for transparency.

Given the serious nature of Ms. Maxwell's crimes, which include a conviction and 20-year sentence for the sex trafficking of minors,<sup>3</sup> this transfer raises deeply troubling questions. The lack of transparency surrounding the decision, particularly following her closed-door meeting with the Deputy Attorney General, undermines public confidence in the Department's impartiality and raises concerns about whether she is receiving preferential treatment. The absence of victim notification only compounds these concerns and risks retraumatizing survivors. Additionally, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) policy states that anyone who had "sexual contact with a minor," as Ms. Maxwell did, "will be housed in at least a Low security level institution" unless a waiver is provided. At this time, there is no indication that Ms. Maxwell has obtained such a waiver. Moreover, at a time when the Department has pledged greater transparency regarding Epstein-related matters, this unexplained transfer sends the opposite message.

In the name of transparency that you and the administration have repeatedly called for, we request that the Department provide a full and transparent accounting of the circumstances surrounding Ms. Maxwell's transfer. In particular, we ask that you provide:

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<sup>1</sup> Aaron Katersky & Jack Date, *Bureau of Prisons moves Ghislaine Maxwell to prison camp in Texas*, ABC News (Aug. 1, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/bureau-prisons-moves-ghislaine-maxwell-prison-camp-texas/story?id=123897456>.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> *United States v. Maxwell*, No. 20-cr-330 (S.D.N.Y. 2021).

1. All documents and communications relating to the decision to transfer Ms. Maxwell from FCI Tallahassee to FPC Bryan, including but not limited to internal BOP assessments, memoranda, emails, and any communications with DOJ leadership, the White House, or other federal agencies;
2. Any records memorializing Ms. Maxwell's meetings or communications with Department officials in the thirty days preceding the transfer, including notes, readouts, or memoranda of conversation from the two-day meeting with the Deputy Attorney General; and
3. Any communications or documentation regarding victim notification for this transfer, including how the Department complied with its obligations under the Crime Victims' Rights Act.

A transfer of this nature—conducted without notice to victims, in the absence of the required waiver, and in close proximity to confidential discussions with senior DOJ officials—requires robust oversight. Please provide these documents and information as soon as possible, but no later than August 30, 2025. Additionally, please arrange to provide a briefing to our offices as soon as possible, but no later than September 5, 2025.

Sincerely,



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Ruben Gallego  
United States Senator



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Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senator