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The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government  
Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government  
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United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Garcia,

I again request that the full House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform subpoena and put under oath the local Palm Beach County prosecutors and officials responsible for Jeffrey Epstein's failed prosecution and any other relevant witnesses. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring these individuals answer questions about their roles in the 2006 state grand jury proceedings and the secretive 2008 plea deal — one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in modern history.

As you know, Palm Beach County is where much of Epstein's abuse occurred and where many survivors say the justice system first failed them. In 2005, then-Palm Beach County State Attorney Barry Krischer was presented with a strong case against Epstein developed by local law enforcement. Instead of pursuing appropriate charges, Krischer referred the case to a grand jury, where prosecutors Lanna Belohlavek and Mary Ann Duggan presented evidence in a manner that minimized the abuse and undermined the experiences of survivors.

Seeking accountability for survivors, then-Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter took the case to federal authorities. However, then-U.S. Attorney Alexander Acosta later approved Epstein's infamous secret plea agreement in 2008 without proper notice to survivors. Epstein also received extraordinary treatment while incarcerated, including work release privileges that allowed him to leave jail for extended periods.

When Democrats last held the majority on the Oversight Committee, then-Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, at my request, planned to hold a hearing in Palm Beach County to hear directly from relevant witnesses. That hearing was delayed at the request of the Department of Justice due to its ongoing prosecution of Ghislaine Maxwell. Now that the case has concluded, it remains unclear why the Committee has not moved forward with obtaining testimony from key Palm Beach County witnesses.

I again respectfully request that the full House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform come to Palm Beach County and subpoena key witnesses to testify under oath — including, but

not limited to, former State Attorney Barry Krischer, former state prosecutors Lanna Belohlavek and Mary Ann Duggan, and former Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter. Alternatively, the Committee should summon these witnesses to Washington, D.C., to provide public testimony.

Their testimony could provide critical insight into how Epstein secured such a lenient agreement, why survivors were denied the justice they deserved, and how such failures can be prevented in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lois Frankel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lois Frankel  
Member of Congress