

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 1, 2019

The Honorable William Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Barr,

We write to urge the Department of Justice (DOJ) to reopen its non-prosecution agreement with Jeffrey Epstein. Additionally, we request that the results of the Office of Professional Responsibility's (OPR) review of Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta's decision to grant Epstein a non-prosecution agreement be made publicly available and provided to Congress.

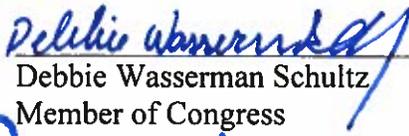
During his tenure as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Secretary Acosta entered into a favorable plea deal with Epstein, a wealthy sex offender who escaped justice despite preying on dozens of minor girls. Alarming, a non-prosecution agreement was included in the deal that effectively shut down an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to identify more victims and granted immunity to potential co-conspirators.

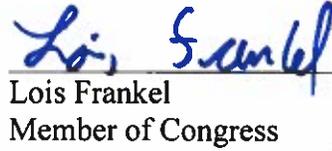
We urge the DOJ to reopen the non-prosecution agreement to allow for a thorough investigation of these heinous crimes. On February 22, a federal judge ruled that Secretary Acosta and other federal prosecutors had violated the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA) because they had not notified the victims of this agreement. The judge wrote that prosecutors had even misled the victims and sought "to conceal the existence" of the plea deal. The court noted that it has been previously held that the CVRA authorizes the reopening of a prosecutorial agreement, "including a non-prosecution agreement, reached in violation of a prosecutor's conferral obligations under the statute."

In addition, the DOJ must make the results of the OPR review and all related documents publicly available and provide them to Congress for review. We continue to hold that an independent entity such as the DOJ Office of the Inspector General is the proper entity for such a review. However, since OPR has opened an investigation into Secretary Acosta's dealings with Epstein, we insist that the results of the investigation be made public so that Congress and the victims of Epstein's crimes can finally see what was covered up by Secretary Acosta when he entered into the non-prosecution agreement with a sex offender who trafficked young women for his and his associates' pleasure.

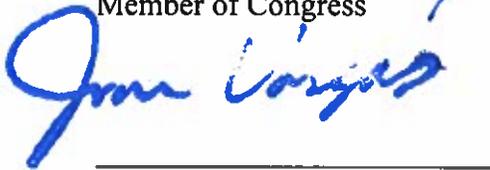
It is at this critical juncture that the agency has an opportunity to foster greater transparency and accountability with the American public. As Members of Congress, we ask that you pursue justice on behalf of these victims swiftly and with the full force of the agency.

Sincerely,

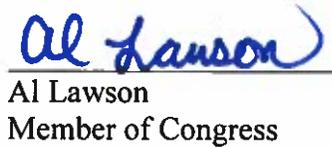

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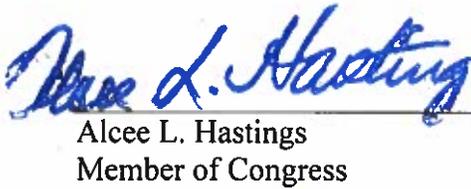

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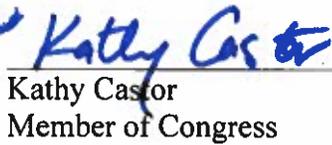


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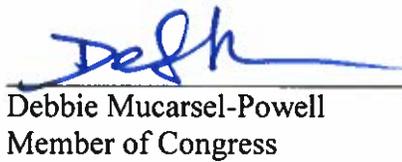

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