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The Honorable James Comer Committee on Oversight and Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

On behalf of our client former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., this letter responds to your August 5, 2025, letter and deposition subpoena in connection with the Committee's investigation into the prosecutions of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. As discussed with your staff, we appreciate the opportunity to submit this written representation in lieu of the deposition.

Attorney General Holder served as Attorney General from February 2009 to April 2015. As you know, the national notoriety of the Epstein and Maxwell cases largely arose well after that period. Based on the public record, we determined that during the time Attorney General Holder served as Attorney General, the Justice Department's active involvement in matters related to Jeffrey Epstein appears to have been limited to defending a civil action under the Crime Victims' Rights Act brought by certain of Jeffrey Epstein's victims, which was pending in a federal district court in Florida. *See generally Doe v. United States*, No. 9:08-CV-80736-KAM (S.D. Fla.).

Attorney General Holder does not recall being involved in the Epstein or Maxwell cases during his service as Attorney General. As discussed with your staff, because this relates to recollections of events more than ten years ago, we conducted reasonable diligence to confirm Attorney General Holder's recollection. Although we do not have access to Department records from the period during which he served, we reviewed publicly available information and we spoke with senior staff who served with Attorney General Holder at the time. None of this diligence yielded any indication that the Attorney General was involved in the Epstein or Maxwell cases during his tenure, and all of the diligence was consistent with his not recalling any such involvement.

In sum, we do not believe that matters related to Jeffrey Epstein or Ghislaine Maxwell came before Attorney General Holder during his service as Attorney General. Of course, if you have or become aware of any information to the contrary, such as from Department of Justice records to which he and we do not have access, we would be pleased to review it and to share it with Attorney General Holder for his review. But both his best recollection and our diligence do not indicate involvement in these cases by Attorney General Holder during his tenure.

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Your staff asked us to confirm that we are aware of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that it applies to submissions to congressional committees. We can confirm that we are aware of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that it applies to submissions to congressional committees, including in connection with this investigation.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Committee's questions. Based on our August 22, 2025, conversation with your staff and the Committee's public statement on August 25, 2025, we understand that Attorney General Holder will not be required to appear for a deposition on September 30, 2025.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Hon. Robert Garcia, Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform