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Providing for the public release of certain documents, records, and communications related to the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein.

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Mr. NORMAN (for himself, Ms. FOXX, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. ROY, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. JACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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2 **“SECTION 1. RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO JEF-**
3 **FREY EPSTEIN.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Resolution, the Attorney General
6 shall, subject to subsection (b), make publicly available in
7 a searchable and downloadable format all credible:

8 “(1) documents, records, and communications,
9 including metadata, in the possession of the Depart-

1 ment of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of In-
2 vestigation and United States Attorneys’ Offices, re-
3 ferring or related to the investigation of Jeffrey Ep-
4 stein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

5 “(2) documents, records, and communications,
6 including metadata, between or among Department
7 of Justice employees, including the Federal Bureau
8 of Investigation and United States Attorney’s Of-
9 fices, referring or relating to the investigation of
10 Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

11 “(3) documents, records, and communications,
12 including metadata, referring or relating to United
13 States v. Maxwell, United States v. Jeffrey Epstein,
14 and Farmer v. United States.

15 “(4) documents, records, and communications,
16 including metadata, related to Jeffrey Epstein’s de-
17 tention or death, including any investigation into his
18 death.

19 “(b) PROHIBITED GROUNDS FOR WITHHOLDING.—
20 No record shall be withheld, delayed, or redacted on the
21 basis of any of the following:

22 “(1) Embarrassment, reputational harm, or po-
23 litical sensitivity, including to any government offi-
24 cial, public figure, or foreign dignitary.

25 “(c) PERMITTED WITHHOLDINGS.—

1 “(1) The Attorney General may withhold or re-
2 dact the segregable portions of records that—

3 “(A) contain personally identifiable infor-
4 mation of victims of sexual abuse or human
5 trafficking or such victims’ personal and med-
6 ical files and similar files the disclosure of
7 which would constitute a clearly unwarranted
8 invasion of personal privacy, including informa-
9 tion that could reasonably be used to unmask
10 or identify such victims of sexual abuse or
11 human trafficking;

12 “(B) depicts child pornography, constitutes
13 child sexual abuse or similar materials;

14 “(C) would jeopardize an active Federal in-
15 vestigation or ongoing prosecution, provided
16 that such withholding is narrowly tailored;

17 “(D) would violate, if disclosed, Rule 6(e)
18 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure by
19 disclosing information that reveals the identities
20 of witnesses or jurors, the substance of testi-
21 mony before the grand jury, the strategy or di-
22 rection of the grand jury’s investigation, or the
23 deliberations or questions of jurors, provided
24 that the withholding of information that was co-
25 incidentally before the grand jury and can be

1 revealed in such a manner that its disclosure
2 would not elucidate the inner workings of the
3 grand jury is not permitted;

4 “(E) depicts or contains images of death,
5 physical abuse, or injury of any person;

6 “(F) contain information specifically au-
7 thorized under criteria established by an Execu-
8 tive order to be kept secret in the interest of
9 national defense or foreign policy and are in
10 fact properly classified pursuant to such Execu-
11 tive order; and

12 “(G) are demonstrably false or
13 unauthenticated.

14 “(2) All redactions must be accompanied by a
15 written justification published in the Federal Reg-
16 ister and submitted to Congress.

17 “(3) To the extent that any covered information
18 would otherwise be redacted or withheld as classified
19 information, the Attorney General shall declassify
20 that classified information to the maximum extent
21 possible.

22 “(A) If the Attorney General makes a de-
23 termination that covered information may not
24 be declassified and made available in a manner
25 that protects the national security of the United

1 States, including methods or sources related to
2 national security, the Attorney General shall re-
3 lease an unclassified summary for each of the
4 redacted or withheld classified information.

5 “(4) All decisions to classify any covered infor-
6 mation after July 1, 2025, shall be published in the
7 Federal Register and submitted to Congress, includ-
8 ing the date of classification, the identity of the
9 classifying authority, and an unclassified summary
10 of the justification.

11 **“SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 “Within 15 days of completion of the release required
13 under Section 2, the Attorney General shall submit to the
14 House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary a report
15 listing:

16 “(1) All categories of records released and with-
17 held.

18 “(2) A summary of redactions made, including
19 legal basis.

20 “(3) A list of all government officials and politi-
21 cally exposed persons named or referenced in the re-
22 leased materials, with no redactions permitted under
23 subsection (b)(1).”.

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