

Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein's Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World," marked a critical step forward in the fight for justice and accountability.

On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimony offered by Ms. Jena-Lisa Jones:

Chairman, Ranking Member, and Members of Congress, my name is Jena-Lisa Jones. I was 14 years old when I was abused by Jeffrey Epstein in Palm Beach. It has taken me many years to find my voice. For a long time, I stayed silent because I was afraid—and because I did not understand why this happened to me. When I finally came forward, I made a commitment to use my voice responsibly. I am here today to do exactly that.

Last September, I went to Washington, D.C., alongside other survivors, with a simple request: transparency and accountability. We asked you to help us understand how Jeffrey Epstein was given a non-prosecution agreement, even though the government had evidence that he had sexually abused dozens of children, including me. We asked how he was allowed to leave jail in 2009 and continue harming young girls. We asked for answers—answers that would hold our government accountable for its actions. We still do not have those answers.

Instead, what we received caused harm all over again, including to many of our survivor sisters who had never come forward before and who never wanted their names or abuse to become public. The Department of Justice released documents that exposed our names, our Social Security numbers, and deeply personal information. Survivors' identities were made public. Husbands learned about the abuse of their wives for the first time. Children learned about the abuse of their mothers from reporters, from strangers on the internet, and, in some cases, from other kids at school. Some survivors learned that friends had also been abused only because they saw their names in those documents. Others saw the most intimate details of their own trauma publicly exposed. Our privacy was violated. The government promised us, over and over again, that our information would be protected and properly redacted. Those promises were broken.

This is not the transparency we asked for. It is not the transparency our government should ever have wanted, allowed, or defended. In fact, this was not transparency at all. This was re-traumatization. We came to you seeking answers for why our rights were violated in 2007. And in the process of asking for those answers, our rights were violated again. I want to believe that each of you in this room is listening because you truly care—not just about us, but about every child in this country who survives sexual abuse.

If Congress and the Department of Justice truly want to do right by survivors, the path forward is not complicated: acknowledge the failures—when Jeffrey Epstein was set free in 2009, and again when our privacy was shattered earlier this year. Take responsibility. And provide meaningful remedies to the women who have been harmed, over and over again. Please do not force us to relive this through more litigation against the very government that promised to protect us. You are the government too. You have the power to make this right—to ensure the Department of Justice does right by survivors and gives us some measure of justice, however small, for these profound violations of our privacy. Please, pass a law requiring the Department of Justice to compensate victims

for the harm that was caused by releasing their names and information. That would show that this is truly about helping victims. With respect to your ongoing investigations, please remember this: Jeffrey Epstein is dead. Ghislaine Maxwell is in prison.

But for many of us, this is not in the past—and it may never feel like it is. It continues to live on through repeated exposure, through ongoing investigations, and through being asked, again and again, to relive what we endured.

Mr. President, do not pardon Ghislaine Maxwell. If there are other men who hurt women, then hold them accountable.

But please—leave the survivors alone. If you have subpoenaed someone to testify before your committees and she tells you she is a victim, listen to her. Believe her. Respect her trauma. Sharing our stories should be a choice—the choice I was able to make today. It should never be something survivors are forced to do. The girls who were groomed by Ghislaine Maxwell and abused by Jeffrey Epstein should not be treated like criminals. Please, I implore you: learn the stories of the women who have been harmed before you force them to testify—before a room full of strangers—about the worst moments of their lives. Jeffrey Epstein destroyed so many of our lives, and Ghislaine Maxwell helped him do it. Do not blame their survivors for the crime of abusers. That is not how this story should end. Find a way to bring closure to the story of Jeffrey Epstein—to allow survivors, and this country, to finally begin to move forward so that one day (and I pray soon) Jeffrey Epstein's name is no longer something we are forced to hear every single day. I am not here today only to talk about the past. I am here for the children who are sitting in classrooms today—children who may be vulnerable, confused, and unsure of what is happening to them.

When I was a teenager, I did not have the language to understand what was happening to me. I did not know who to tell. I did not know where to go. Many of us didn't. We were young, and we were manipulated. We were left without the tools or the support systems we needed. That is something Congress can change.

Every middle school and high school student in this country should receive education on the signs of sexual abuse and exploitation—what it looks like, how to recognize it, and how to safely report it. Schools should have trained adults and accessible resources so that no child feels as lost or as alone as we did. I have worked with other survivors to start a nonprofit organization called The Survivors, Inc., because not everyone who has been abused has access to strong legal representation, therapy, or support systems. I became a certified life coach because I believe in giving others the support I wish I had. Through The Survivors, we are able to provide life coaching services to people who have been abused so they can begin to find their way forward. I am proud of that work. But individual efforts are not enough. Real change requires leadership at the national level.

You have the power to make sure that what happened to us does not happen again on this scale. I believe one of the most important places to begin is in our schools. Train teachers. Educate students. Give children a place to turn when they feel they have nowhere else to go. Together, we can do better—for the next generation—through education, awareness, and making sure help is always within reach. Most importantly, I can't imagine how busy you must be, so thank you all for taking the time to be here today.

TESTIMONY OF MS. LAUREN HERSH, "SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: EXPOSING EPSTEIN'S CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND ACROSS THE WORLD"

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, 2026, Oversight Committee Democrats convened the first-ever hearing to solicit testimony from survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes. The hearing, "Survivors Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein's Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World," marked a critical step forward in the fight for justice and accountability.

On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimony offered by Ms. Lauren Hersh:

Hello, I am Lauren Hersh, CEO of World Without Exploitation (WorldWE), the largest national coalition in the United States dedicated to ending human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Our coalition represents nearly 200 organizations across the country, and our work is grounded in close partnership with survivors to advance survivor-centered policy, education, and advocacy.

I want to begin where this conversation must begin: with survivors.

What we have witnessed in the handling of the Epstein files is not simply a bureaucratic misstep—it is a profound and deeply troubling failure to protect the very people the system is meant to serve. Survivors were promised dignity, confidentiality, and care. Instead, we have seen a breakdown in the protection of their identities and personal information. That failure is unacceptable.

The Department of Justice did not comply with the requirements of the Epstein Files Transparency Act. This raises urgent and fundamental questions: Why did this happen? Where, procedurally, did the system fail? Who made the decisions that led to this outcome? And what safeguards were either ignored or insufficient?

These are not abstract questions. They demand clear, transparent answers. Survivors—and the public—deserve a full accounting of what went wrong inside the Department of Justice. But accountability cannot stop at process. It must extend to outcomes. We must now turn to the question of accountability moving forward—both criminal and civil. Recent assertions by Kash Patel that there are no credible investigative leads, echoed by Todd Blanche, are deeply concerning. From my perspective as both the CEO of WorldWE and a former prosecutor, that conclusion is not only premature—it is inconsistent with the available record.

There is an abundance of potential investigative leads that warrant serious, independent review. The notion that no viable paths forward exist undermines public trust and risks foreclosing justice before it has even been pursued.

We are looking at a pattern of systemic failure:

A failure to protect survivors as promised
A failure to ensure transparency and proper process

And increasingly, a failure to pursue meaningful accountability

This cannot stand. There are known areas that demand further investigation. These include individuals whose names have surfaced

repeatedly, as well as institutions that may have had knowledge of or facilitated abuse. This includes major systems such as Mount Sinai Health System and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, as well as academic and other institutional actors. Each of these potential leads deserves careful, independent examination through appropriate legal channels.

Every credible lead should be assessed through a structured, impartial process—whether through independent hearings, investigatory bodies, or prosecutorial review. Dismissing them outright is not due diligence; it is abdication.

And let me be clear: the burden should not fall on survivors to prove their worthiness for justice. The onus is on investigative bodies—on prosecutors, on the Department of Justice, on all relevant authorities—to do their jobs thoroughly, transparently, and with integrity.

Survivors have already carried far too much. They should not have to carry the failures of our institutions as well.

What is needed now is not defensiveness, but accountability. Not closure, but investigation. Not dismissal, but action.

Thank you.

TESTIMONY OF ROZA, “SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: EXPOSING EPSTEIN’S CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND ACROSS THE WORLD”

HON. WESLEY BELL

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, 2026, Oversight Committee Democrats convened the first-ever hearing to solicit testimony from survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell’s crimes. The hearing, “Survivors Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein’s Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World,” marked a critical step forward in the fight for justice and accountability.

On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell’s crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimony offered by Roza, whose last name has been withheld for her safety:

It took a great deal of courage for me to return to West Palm Beach today, so I ask for your understanding if I become emotional.

In 2008, I had just turned 18 in Uzbekistan when I met the owner of MC2 Model Management, Jean-Luc Brunel. Coming from a financially unstable background, I was the perfect target for coercion. I was promised a modeling career beyond my dreams. In less than six months, MC2 obtained an O-1 visa for me—a feat nearly impossible for a teenager with almost no experience. I did not have the documentation to earn that visa; that was the “Epstein magic.”

THE CAGE OF DEBT AND CONTROL

By May 2009, I was in New York City, isolated and controlled in a manner I had never experienced. Within three months, the agency claimed I owed them over \$10,000. I had no family, no friends, and no money. MC2 controlled every aspect of my life: where I went, how I dressed, and how I looked. They provided just enough of an allowance to keep me afloat, but never enough to be independent.

THE ABUSE AND MANIPULATION

Less than a month after I arrived in the U.S., my agency sent me to the home of a

registered sex offender while he was supposedly in jail. I was introduced to his girlfriend under the guise that she was a photographer helping me build my portfolio. Jeffrey Epstein was supposed to be in a jail cell in June 2008, yet I met him in his home right here in West Palm Beach. Jean-Luc Brunel brought me to West Palm Beach to have dinner with Epstein in July, furthering the grooming and manipulation. Epstein used the names of powerful politicians to demonstrate his influence, telling me he was the investor at the very agency that promised me a career. He spoke of his arrest as if it were a game, bragging about girls visiting his cell and his friendships with authorities.

Jeffrey offered me a position at the Florida Science Foundation to handle phone calls to help with my financial “troubles.” One day, his masseuse called me into a room where I was molested by Epstein. For the following three years I was subject to ongoing rape and stripped of my dignity. Jeffrey Epstein was under house arrest for the molestation of underage girls at the exact time he was abusing me. The fact that he could commit these acts made justice feel impossible and stole my ability to seek help.

He raped me repeatedly. For months, I was summoned to his residences right here in West Palm Beach. My agency even relocated me to Miami to keep me closer to him, and only after he was released from house arrest was I allowed to return to New York, where my nightmares continued. Seeing a man supposedly under arrest living so comfortably stole my ability to seek help. I was scared for my life and the lives of my family. Those years of abuse turned into a decade of fear that I still carry today.

THE BREACH OF TRUST

I eventually found the courage to reach out for help. I stepped forward alongside other survivors, hoping those who allowed this to happen would be held accountable. I kept my identity protected as a “Jane Doe.”

To wake up one day and see my real name mentioned over 500 times in unsealed documents was a stab in the heart. While the rich and powerful remain protected by redactions, my name was exposed to the world. Now, reporters from across the globe contact me. I cannot live without looking over my shoulder. I can only imagine the long-term impact this “mistake” will have on my life.

THE DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

I wanted to be a doctor growing up, so I want to leave you with this story. In the mid-1800s, a doctor named Ignaz Semmelweis discovered something life-saving. He realized that doctors were performing autopsies and then immediately delivering babies without washing their hands. He identified that “cadaverous particles” were being transferred to mothers, causing them to die in agony.

He had the evidence. He had the solution. He begged the medical establishment to simply wash their hands to save lives. But the doctors were offended. They found it easier to protect their own reputations and maintain the status quo than to admit they were the ones causing the harm. They chose their pride over the lives of women, and Dr. Semmelweis was ignored, ridiculed, and eventually cast out.

I see this same pattern today with the handling of these files. Releasing my name while redacting the names of the powerful is not a “mistake”—it is a choice. It is a choice to prioritize the comfort of the institution over the safety of the survivor. The evidence is right in front of us, yet those in power would rather watch us suffer the consequences of their exposure than do the right thing and hold the true perpetrators accountable. They would rather we keep dying—socially, emo-

tionally, and physically—than admit their own complicity.

I am no longer a “Jane Doe” hidden in a file. I am a woman, a fighter, and a witness. And I am telling you: it is time to wash your hands and finally give us justice.

TESTIMONY OF SKY AND AMANDA ROBERTS, “SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: EXPOSING EPSTEIN’S CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND ACROSS THE WORLD”

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, 2026, Oversight Committee Democrats convened the first-ever hearing to solicit testimony from survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell’s crimes. The hearing, “Survivors Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein’s Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World,” marked a critical step forward in the fight for justice and accountability.

On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell’s crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimony offered by Sky and Amanda Roberts:

My name is Sky Roberts, and I am the little brother of Virginia Roberts Giuffre. I’m here today because without Virginia’s courage and her story, we would not be having this conversation about accountability. In the summer of 2000, just steps away from this courtroom, at Mar-a-Lago, Virginia was recruited by convicted trafficker Ghislaine Maxwell. She was only 16 years old, a child who had just finished 10th grade, when she began being trafficked.

Before her passing, Virginia gave sworn testimony exposing this for what it truly was: a global trafficking operation enabled, protected, and funded by powerful people.

For years, survivors have been asked the same question: “Who were the names?” The truth is, many survivors stay silent because many of these individuals still hold power, wealth, and influence in our society. Point blank, Period, that is dangerous. No survivor should have to risk their safety just to be believed. But Virginia, she did it anyway. She stood up when others were afraid, told the truth under oath, and faced people she knew were powerful.

Today, we lean on her courage once again, because she believed accountability should reach everyone involved, no matter their status or influence. If Virginia were here today, she would say these words herself. Since she cannot, I will say them for her as her little brother. With that, I’d like to share Virginia’s own words from her sworn deposition dated May 3, 2016:

“They trafficked me to many people.

Ok, please name a person that Ghislaine Maxwell directed you to have sex with.

Prince Andrew.

Ok, who else?

As a whole, they both trafficked me to many people.

Ok, Can you please tell me to whom Ghislaine Maxwell asked you to go have sex with another person.

Glenn Dubin.

Who else?

Well, [Redacted] is another one.

Ghislaine Maxwell asked you to have sex with [redacted]?

And Glenn Dubin and Steve Kauffman were, like I said, the first people I was sent to after my training.