

And where does Alan Dershowitz fit into this group of people?

Same. I can't tell you piece by piece by piece who. I know Glenn Dubin was first.

Ok.

And I know Steven Kauffman was one of the first that I was sent to. Alan Dershowitz could have been between there—between, sorry, between Glenn and Steven."

This is only a small sample of the thousands of stories that still remain untold. But the question today is no longer whether names exist. The question is: What will Congress and the Department of Justice do about it? Even if only a handful of names are known publicly, will there finally be investigations and accountability?

With that, I'd like to turn it over to my wife, Amanda Roberts. First, I want to thank this committee, Representative GARCIA, and everyone who continues to fight for accountability, transparency, and truth in the Epstein case and most importantly, for standing with survivors.

Virginia's story was harrowing, but her courage was extraordinary. We are talking about millions of files: sworn testimony, depositions, emails, flight records, bank records, photographs, videos, and evidence collected over decades. Evidence that points to a network, not just two people who trafficked and abused over 1,200 victims. Epstein and Maxwell did not act alone. So when the Department of Justice says there is "nothing to see here," survivors know what that sounds like. It sounds like a cover-up.

Virginia wrote in Nobody's Girl "Don't be fooled by those in Epstein's circle who said they didn't know what Epstein was doing." That sentence should guide this committee's work. Because "I don't recall" is not enough. When people like Les Wexner are asked about Epstein's finances and alleged connections to this network, the public deserves real answers. When Howard Lutnick has given changing accounts about his association with Epstein, that deserves scrutiny and resignations. When Former Prince Andrew denied knowing Virginia, despite evidence and testimony surrounding that encounter, that deserves scrutiny and investigation. And when Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche met with Ghislaine Maxwell, a convicted sex trafficker accused of perjury, and shortly afterward she was moved to a minimum-security prison, that demands answers.

So today, we ask for four things. First: Congress must hold the Department of Justice accountable, including contempt proceedings as the record has shown that the DOJ has Violated the law.

Second: state investigations must continue and expand—in New Mexico, New York, Florida, the Virgin Islands, and everywhere this network operated.

Third: this committee must issue further subpoenas and require alleged co-conspirators, enablers, financiers, and witnesses to testify under oath.

Fourth: follow the money. The financial records are not secondary—they may be the key to exposing the full network. Suspicious payments, shell entities, possible tax violations, money laundering, and transactions connected to trafficking and abuse must be investigated aggressively. Because financial crimes can lead to real prosecutions.

And finally: The Epstein and Maxwell investigations must be reopened. Not partially. Not quietly. Fully. Survivors and the public deserve the truth, and enablers must no longer hide behind wealth, power, or silence.

TESTIMONY OF MR. SPENCER KUVIN, "SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: EXPOSING EPSTEIN'S CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND ACROSS THE WORLD"

HON. DAVE MIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Mr. MIN. 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 Mr. Spencer Kuvin into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Ranking Member, and Members of Congress, my name is Spencer Kuvin, and I have represented numerous survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking over the years, including the first victim to come forward in the Epstein investigation here in Palm Beach. I am here today because what happened during the prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein was not simply a failure of judgment—it was a systemic failure of justice.

In Palm Beach County, credible evidence of widespread sexual abuse involving minors was presented to state prosecutors. Law enforcement initially identified dozens of victims. The conduct was organized, repeated, and devastating. Yet instead of a prosecution that matched the scale of the harm, what followed was a secret agreement that minimized the abuse and insulted the children who had been abused.

Despite the efforts of some fantastic Federal agents, the U.S. Attorney's office in the Southern District, decided to have secret meetings with Epstein's attorneys. The U.S. Department of Justice in conjunction with the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office colluded in secret to quietly shelve this case with minimal state charges that branded and treated 15 and 16 year old child victims as "prostitutes"—a sweetheart deal for Epstein and four named, as well as "unnamed" co-conspirators. The Southern District U.S. Attorney at the time, Alex Acosta, spearheaded what every attorney looking at it subsequently would describe as the worst non-prosecution agreement every entered by a U.S. Attorney. This sent a message. It told victims that even when the evidence is strong, accountability is negotiable if you're rich and powerful.

This awful non-prosecution agreement effectively shut down further federal charges for the events they were investigating in Florida. As I mentioned that tragic deal was negotiated and signed in secret. Not only was it kept secret from the world, it was kept secret from me as an advocate for multiple victims at the time and it was kept secret from the victims of the crime. I was forced to file motions with the court to compel its disclosure, and even take the matter up to the appellate court before it was finally provided to the victims, a full year after it was signed.

The victims were not consulted. Their advocates like me, were not consulted.

Victims were never given an opportunity to be heard.

This was not just a moral failure—we believed it was a violation of law. Under the Crime Victims' Rights Act, originally passed in 2004, and subsequently amended in 2006, 2008 and 2015, victims have the right to confer with prosecutors and the right to be treated with fairness and respect. Yet those rights were ignored at the very moment they mattered most—when decisions were being made that would determine whether justice would ever be pursued.

The result was predictable. Survivors were retraumatized—not only by the abuse they endured, but by a system that excluded them from the process designed to protect them. And the public was left questioning whether justice can be trusted when powerful interests are involved.

This failure by the Department of Justice was the subject of litigation in the case of *In re Wild*. What that case ultimately exposed is a gap in the law—one that must be closed.

Today, I want to offer a clear path forward. First, Congress should amend the Crime Victims Rights Act to make explicit that victims must be notified and given a meaningful opportunity to confer before any non-prosecution agreement or deferred prosecution agreement is finalized.

Second, there must be enforceable remedies. Rights without remedies are not rights—they are suggestions. Victims should have standing to challenge agreements reached in violation of the Act, and courts must have the authority to review and, where appropriate, void those agreements.

Third, transparency must be the rule, not the exception. Secret agreements that extinguish criminal liability—particularly in cases involving multiple victims—should not exist in our system of justice.

And finally, there must be accountability. When prosecutors fail to uphold victims' rights, there must be consequences sufficient to ensure that these failures are not repeated. This is not about relitigating the past.

It is about ensuring that what happened here never happens again.

The survivors in this case showed extraordinary courage. They came forward. They told the truth. They trusted the system.

The system failed them.

Congress now has the opportunity—and the responsibility—to fix it.

Thank you. I look forward to your questions.

REMAINING TESTIMONIES OF EPSTEIN SURVIVORS, "SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: EXPOSING EPSTEIN'S CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND ACROSS THE WORLD"

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On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the remaining testimonies offered by Epstein survivors:

MS. MARIJKE CHARTOUNI

Dear Ranking Member Garcia and Democratic Members of the Committee, I am writing to you as a survivor of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. What was done to me—and so many other young women and girls—was not the result of chance or individual failing. It was the result of a network that operated with impunity, protected by wealth, power, and the silence of institutions that should have stopped it.

Navigating the federal investigative and justice systems as a sexual trafficking survivor gave me my first painful lesson in how institutions can fail and oppress the very people they claim to protect. I saw firsthand how systems purporting to help can actually cause harm, how institutional responses reflect who is deemed worthy of protection, and how structural barriers compound individual trauma.

When institutions fail to address the concerns of sexual abuse victims, the betrayal cuts at a much higher cost. It perpetuates a cycle of abandonment, one that creates long-term psychological barriers preventing survivors from seeking the help they need and deserve. It also tells survivors implicitly and explicitly that their abuse was their fault, that their trauma didn't deserve recognition, and that their recovery wasn't worth institutional investment.

I have witnessed this betrayal not only in my own experience, but in the lives of fellow survivors. My friend Maria Farmer was the first survivor to report Epstein. She filed a report with authorities in 1996 and she was repeatedly ignored. The profound sense of abandonment that followed has never fully left her. I know that feeling well.

The consequences of that failure have been grave. Despite the enormous public attention the Epstein case has received, Epstein's powerful network of enablers and protectors have yet to face justice. Only Maxwell has been convicted—and even that single shred of hard-won accountability is now under threat.

When perpetrators are not held accountable, a message is sent to survivors and to the public alike that exploitation is tolerated, and that victims are not believed. Today, survivors like me have little trust in the very systems structured to provide us security, accountability, and restitution. If the institutions of this government will not believe us, who will?

I urge you to use the full weight of your oversight authority to ensure that the survivors of Epstein and Maxwell are heard, believed, and afforded the justice that has been denied to us for decades. This starts with accountability by the United States for the FBI's failure to act in response to, or outright rejection of, Maria Farmer's 1996 report of Epstein's crimes to the FBI.

I also implore you to take every action within your power to ensure that Ghislaine Maxwell is not pardoned. Pardoning her would erase the only measure of justice we have ever received and be a devastating and unconscionable blow to every survivor. Our pain is not disposable and we cannot continue shielding the powerful from accountability.

Respectfully,
Marijke Chartouni

MS. RACHEL BENAVIDEZ

Ranking Member GARCIA and Democratic Members of the Committee, I write this letter to you today strengthened by the unwav-

ering support of my fellow survivor sisters, and I speak not only for myself, but for thousands of young women who endured abuse in silence at the hands of Jeffrey Epstein and those within his trafficking network. For decades, our voices have been silenced, our stories distorted, we have faced relentless harassment, and the federal government has failed to pursue justice. But we will not be intimidated.

I personally experienced severe abuse as a young woman at the hands of Epstein, and I was groomed and trafficked by Ghislaine Maxwell, as well as others. My autonomy was taken. Speaking out is not easy; to relive such moments is gut-wrenching, but I do so with the strength of my fellow survivors in my heart and with the hope that by telling the truth, we can protect young women from falling victim to those who have yet to be held accountable. This all stems from past blunders and inactions by the federal government.

The United States government and law enforcement were notified decades ago of Jeffrey Epstein's disgusting crimes, including through Maria Farmer's initial 1996 FBI report—yet they failed to act. That failure to respond meaningfully and purposefully allowed Epstein's abuse to continue, resulting in irreparable harm to countless young women. Had the appropriate authorities taken decisive action when first alerted, as their job dictates, decades of survivor sexual abuse and trauma could have been prevented.

This inaction cannot be forgotten, it cannot continue, and there needs to be accountability.

What we are asking for is the bare minimum of justice. We have yet to see a single perpetrator or enabler within Epstein's criminal enterprise fully brought to justice. Nor has an explanation been provided as to why Maria Farmer's report to the FBI in 1996 was ignored. Instead, sensitive information about survivors has been exposed, while potential enablers have remained shielded from scrutiny.

We deserve full transparency and accountability about the scale of the abuse orchestrated by Epstein and the individuals who allowed it to continue unchecked for so long. All survivors and Jane Does deserve full protection, thorough investigations need to be opened, and those who perpetrated and enabled this abuse need to be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

Federal institutions entrusted with justice, including the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot continue to let survivors down. Survivors can no longer be failed by delay, secrecy, or inaction. The government must also be held responsible for its past inaction.

That is why I am writing to you today. We must do better, for our sisters, our mothers, and our daughters.

We demand justice. We demand accountability. And we will not rest until this is delivered.

Sincerely,
Rachel Benavidez

MS. ANNIE FARMER

Dear Ranking Member Garcia and Democratic Members of the Committee, thank you for holding this hearing and giving us the opportunity to share statements on the record. My name is Annie Farmer and I was 16 years old when I met Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. My sister Maria Farmer has also provided testimony on the harm that unfolded because the FBI did not heed her 1996

report about the abuse she endured on Les Wexner's property in Ohio and the nightmare I experienced at Zorro Ranch in New Mexico. I have witnessed first hand the tremendous negative impacts that carrying this burden had on her life and the fallout of the institutional failures—of countless law enforcement officials, elected leaders, and those meant to protect survivors—for hundreds of girls and women who experienced similar abuse. I second her requests for the government to finally take responsibility for their inaction, to explain how this happened, and promise that it will never happen again. The DOJ, FBI, and law enforcement across the country must hold all those engaged in harming so many girls and women accountable to the fullest extent possible.

I also want to speak directly to the Republican lawmakers who I recently learned from Chairman Comer were considering a pardon for Ghislaine Maxwell in exchange for her testimony. Not only is a pardon or commutation completely unnecessary—given the potential for her to be granted limited immunity for any testimony she gives to the HOC—I have no faith that she would provide accurate information. Maxwell was previously charged for lying under oath, charges she faced specifically related to lies she told about me. Even entertaining such a pardon is a deeply insulting slap in the face to my family, the other women who testified against her, and all the victims who have clung to her sentence as the one piece of justice that we have seen in this case. The fact that a potential pardon would be causally discussed as a possibility, leads me to believe that our leaders still do not understand the institutional betrayal we've endured for three decades.

For those in favor of a Maxwell pardon, I want to briefly share why it would feel so harmful to me personally. Despite my disappointment in the FBI's inaction to hold Epstein and Maxwell fully accountable, I took a leap of faith and agreed to testify about my experiences when the FBI interviewed me again in 2019. After Maxwell was arrested I spent a year in lock down attending bail hearings virtually and dreading the trial. I rearranged my work obligations repeatedly to account for changes in the schedule. I spent multiple days in a small room in the federal courthouse anxiously awaiting my testimony. I was retraumatized when I was aggressively cross-examined, and then spent that Christmas awaiting a verdict, six months waiting for sentencing, and years waiting as Maxwell exhausted her appeals. I did all of this because I understood the significant harm Maxwell had caused not just to me, but how she terrorized my sister Maria with her threats, and the role she played in the abuse of brave survivors like Virginia Roberts Giuffre, who I have had the honor of calling a close friend, as well as countless others.

Let me be clear: any commutation of Ghislaine Maxwell's sentence or pardon for her crimes would be a tremendous insult to survivors and send a dangerous message to other victims of sexual crimes who already are often hesitant to report because of the systemic barriers they face. I ask the DOJ to permanently close the door on this, and instead open the door on a criminal investigation into the enablers of Jeffrey Epstein and Maxwell's abuse.

Respectfully,
Annie Farmer