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**Committee on the Judiciary**

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The Honorable Jeffrey A. Rosen  
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

As Members of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, we write to request a briefing on the 2007 non-prosecution agreement between the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and Mr. Jeffrey E. Epstein, and any related commission of professional misconduct by then-United States Attorney Alexander Acosta.

We are abhorred by reports of Mr. Epstein's repeated and longstanding sexual abuse of young girls. Investigative reporting by the Miami Herald details Mr. Epstein's alleged abuse of at least three dozen girls in his Florida and New York homes forcing them to engage in sex acts and coercing them to recruit future victims. This despicable behavior constituted clear criminal activity that could have resulted in a lengthy sentence for Mr. Epstein had charges been vigorously pursued against him at the time. This week's indictment in the Southern District of New York has further underscored the horrific nature of the abuse alleged to be perpetrated by Mr. Epstein and his associates.

Despite the fact that federal prosecutors had drafted a 53-page indictment and an 82-page prosecution memo for Mr. Epstein, then-U.S. Attorney Acosta signed a non-prosecution agreement that absolved Mr. Epstein of federal prosecution and ended the related Federal Bureau of Investigation inquiry. Per the agreement, Mr. Epstein served only 13 months in jail, during which he spent six days a week and 12 hours a day at his office as part of a work release arrangement. Further troubling is that Mr. Epstein's victims were purportedly not made aware of the non-prosecution agreement, preventing them from voicing opposition and possibly violating the Crime Victims' Rights Act. The Miami Herald described the non-prosecution agreement as "the deal of a lifetime."

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As Members of the Committee with oversight of the Department of Justice we believe it is of paramount importance that we learn the basis and rationale for the unusual plea deal and review source documents that shed light on the disturbing agreement. We have serious misgivings about Secretary Acosta's handling of the case and whether the Department fairly administered justice.

We respectfully request a briefing and any relevant documents by July 24, 2019. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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