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The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

It has been more than two weeks since Pam Bondi was fired from her role as Attorney General and three days since her scheduled deposition on April 14, 2026, at which she failed to appear.¹ Since her termination, Committee Democrats have received no information about the status of Ms. Bondi's deposition beyond broad, non-specific statements from Committee Republicans that her deposition is being "rescheduled" to some unspecified date in the future. Troublingly, public reporting suggests that Oversight Republicans may have been working with the former Attorney General to avoid the deposition.² DOJ has even explicitly requested that the Committee confirm the subpoena has been withdrawn given Ms. Bondi's firing.³ In this context, we are deeply concerned that Oversight Republicans are unwilling to take the actions needed to secure Ms. Bondi's required testimony. In the interest of transparency and advancing this Committee's investigation, I ask that you immediately provide insight into the precise steps you have taken to schedule Ms. Bondi's deposition, the substance and scope of any negotiations to date, any statements you have received from Ms. Bondi as to her plans to appear for her deposition, and advise whether a date for her deposition has yet been agreed upon.

As you know, on March 4, 2026, the Committee held a bipartisan vote to issue a subpoena to Pam Bondi for deposition testimony relating to the "possible mismanagement of the federal government's investigation of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell," among other topics.⁴ The motion was supported by Republican Committee members Nancy Mace, Lauren

¹ *Trump Fires Pam Bondi as Attorney General*, New York Times (Apr. 2, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/04/02/us/politics/trump-fires-bondi-attorney-general.html); *see also* Subpoena to the Honorable Pamela J. Bondi (Mar. 17, 2026).

² *Trump Fires Pam Bondi as Attorney General*, New York Times (Apr. 2, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/04/02/us/politics/trump-fires-bondi-attorney-general.html).

³ Letter from Assistant Attorney General Patrick Davis, Department of Justice, to Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Apr. 8, 2026) (on file with the Committee).

⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Vote on Mace Motion to Subpoena Attorney General Pamela Bondi (Mar. 4, 2026) (24 ayes, 19 nays); *see also* Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Hearing on Oversight of Fraud and Misuse of Federal Funds in Minnesota, Part II* (Mar. 4, 2026) (online at

Boebert, Tim Burchett, Michael Cloud, and Scott Perry, in addition to Oversight Democrats.⁵ On March 17, 2026, the Committee issued the subpoena to Ms. Bondi, compelling her to appear at a deposition on April 14, 2026.⁶ On April 2, 2026, President Trump announced in a post on social media that he was terminating Ms. Bondi as Attorney General and replacing her with Todd Blanche to serve as acting Attorney General.⁷ Ms. Bondi's mishandling of the Epstein investigation during her tenure reportedly played a pivotal role in her termination.⁸

In the aftermath of this announcement, Committee Republicans have repeatedly described efforts to schedule a date for Ms. Bondi's deposition, stating: "The Committee will contact Pam Bondi's personal counsel to discuss next steps regarding scheduling her deposition;"⁹ "We will work with her personal attorney to reschedule;"¹⁰ and "we are following up with Pam Bondi's personal attorney about scheduling her deposition."¹¹ While you do not deny that the subpoena to Ms. Bondi remains in effect and legally binding, there has been zero indication, apart from these vague statements, that there has been any concrete progress toward a rescheduled date. Oversight Democrats are not aware of any communication with Ms. Bondi of any kind. Democratic Committee staff have repeatedly sought the identity of and contact information for Ms. Bondi's personal attorney from both your staff and the Department of Justice to ensure that we are apprised of and can participate in any such communications.¹² To date, however, we have received no responsive information to our inquiries.

The subpoena issued to Ms. Bondi requires her to appear for a deposition, regardless of her departure from DOJ. She possesses direct and extensive personal knowledge about DOJ's management of the Epstein investigation and, as you have noted, was "directly responsible for overseeing the Department's collection, review, and determinations regarding the release of files[.]"¹³ Given the immediate relevance of her personal knowledge to this Committee's

<https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/03.17.2026-Subpoena-Cover-Letter-Bondi-FINAL.pdf>); Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi (Mar. 17, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/03.17.2026-Subpoena-Cover-Letter-Bondi-FINAL.pdf>).

⁵ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Vote on Mace Motion to Subpoena Attorney General Pamela Bondi (Mar. 4, 2026) (24 ayes, 19 nays).

⁶ Subpoena to the Honorable Pamela J. Bondi (Mar. 17, 2026).

⁷ Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Apr. 2, 2026) (online at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116336247856387679>).

⁸ *Attorney General Pam Bondi Out at DOJ*, NPR (Apr. 2, 2026) (online at www.npr.org/2026/04/02/g-s1-115077/trump-bondi-attorney-general-departure).

⁹ Daniella Diaz (@DaniellaMicaela), X (Apr. 8, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/DaniellaMicaela/status/2041886308964913229?s=20>).

¹⁰ Nicolas Wu (@nicolaswu12), X (Apr. 14, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/nicholaswu12/status/2044071567101989215?s=20>).

¹¹ Oversight Committee (@GOPoversight), X (Apr. 8, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/gopoversight/status/2041980445701681367?s=46>).

¹² Communications on file with Committee.

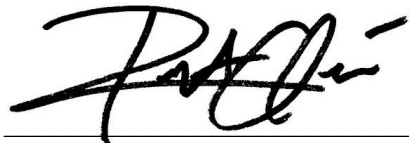
¹³ Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi (Mar. 17, 2026) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp->

investigation, her testimony can only be accepted under oath and on the record. Notably, this Committee deemed it appropriate to conduct the deposition of *former* Attorney General William Barr based on the personal knowledge he obtained during his tenure, and the same standard must be applied to Ms. Bondi.¹⁴

Any attempt to evade the subpoena must be met with measures to hold Ms. Bondi in contempt of Congress. In the absence of any communication with the Committee, and with no indication that she even plans on appearing for her compulsory deposition, this step may soon be appropriate. Should Ms. Bondi fail to cooperate with the Committee's investigation, the Committee must be prepared to take all possible steps to hold accountable those who obstruct our work.

We urge you to schedule Ms. Bondi's deposition immediately and provide transparency into your negotiations to secure a date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

content/uploads/2026/03/03.17.2026-Subpoena-Cover-Letter-Bondi-FINAL.pdf).

¹⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Deposition of William P. Barr (Aug. 18, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Barr-Transcript.pdf>).