

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 14, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche:

At the May 19, 2026, hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, we asked whether you would meet with Epstein survivors if we connected you with them. You responded, “Absolutely.”¹

It has been nearly two months since then, and even though we provided the Department of Justice (the Department) with the point of contact for the Epstein survivors—and have followed up on this request multiple times—the survivors have not received the promised outreach. Additionally, our offices have not received any substantive responses from the Department indicating when the meeting will be scheduled.

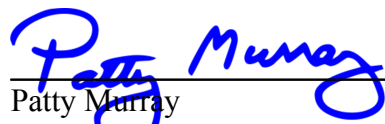
Recently, reporting revealed that you were present at several meetings last summer in the White House Situation Room with the President’s closest advisors, confirming that the White House and the Department have been more interested in minimizing damage to the President relating to his personal friendship with Jeffrey Epstein than providing transparency to survivors and holding accountable those who may be implicated in Epstein’s crimes.²

Your responsibility as Acting Attorney General is to pursue justice, not to shield the President. We therefore expect a response no later than July 28, 2026, confirming a date for the meeting with survivors you committed to hold.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science,
and Related Agencies



Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on
Appropriations

¹ Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies hearing titled, “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request for the Department of Justice” 42:48-43:40 at <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2027-budget-request-for-the-department-of-justice>.

² The New York Times, “Inside the White House Freakout Over the Epstein Files,” June 10, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/06/10/magazine/trump-epstein-files-white-house-vance-doj.html>.