

Exhibits A-0 to A-54: Government Defendants Interview Transcripts

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Exhibit A-0 Conflation of Fed. R. Evid. 901/607 Statement Summary

Table 1: "Credible Evidence" Fraudulent Legal Framework (Chronological Order)

Speaker	Date	Paragraph	Exact Quote	Document
Johnson	July 16, 2025	1	"credible information released for the American people"	A-14
Trump	July 16, 2025	End	"Whatever is credible, she can release. If a document is credible"	A-19
Trump	July 16, 2025	End	"all the credible information" / "more credible information"	A-19
Johnson	July 22, 2025	7	"all credible evidence to be turned over to the American public"	A-1
Johnson	July 22, 2025	8	"we have to make sure that the credible evidence is revealed"	A-1
Johnson	July 22, 2025	35	"requires all credible evidence to be released"	A-1
Johnson	July 23, 2025	8	"all credible information to be released"	A-3
Johnson	July 23, 2025	9	"all credible information"	A-3
Johnson	July 23, 2025	12	"all that credible information needs to come out"	A-3
Johnson	July 23, 2025	22	"credible evidence" / "Is that credible evidence?"	A-3
Johnson	July 24, 2025	4	"all credible evidence to be put out there"	A-2
Johnson	July 24, 2025	14	"all credible evidence"	A-2
Johnson	July 27, 2025	7	"all credible evidence and information out there. That word credible is important"	A-4

Speaker	Date	Paragraph	Exact Quote	Document
Vance	July 28, 2025	2	"all credible information" (first instance)	A-15
Vance	July 28, 2025	2	"additional, credible information"	A-15
Vance	July 28, 2025	2	"all credible information" (second instance)	A-15

Table 2: Victim Category Expansion Language (Chronological Order)

Speaker	Date	Paragraph	Exact Quote	Category Type	Document
Bondi	February 27, 2025	2	"to protect them"	Standard victim protection	A-17
Johnson	July 16, 2025	1	"protect the innocent"	Ambiguous expansion beyond victims	A-14
Duffy	July 16, 2025	19	"protect those kids"	Standard child protection	A-18
Duffy	July 16, 2025	19-23	"if you flew with Epstein to Epstein Island...should I make accusation the fact that you were just on the plane"	Criminal associates protection	A-18
Johnson	July 22, 2025	5	"protect innocent victims"	Redundant (victims are inherently innocent)	A-1
Johnson	July 22, 2025	5	"protecting the innocent"	Ambiguous expansion beyond victims	A-1
Johnson	July 23, 2025	10	"protection for victims"	Standard legal terminology	A-3
Johnson	July 23, 2025	12	"truly protect innocent people who suffer"	Expansion to "innocent people"	A-3
Johnson	July 23, 2025	36	"anybody who's been brought swept up into that"	Criminal associates	A-3

Speaker	Date	Paragraph	Exact Quote	Category Type	Document
				(victims aren't "swept up")	
Johnson	July 24, 2025	14	"protect the innocent victims"	Redundant	A-2
Johnson	July 24, 2025	14	"protect the innocent"	Ambiguous expansion	A-2
Johnson	July 27, 2025	7	"protect innocent people's names and reputations"	Clear expansion to criminal associates	A-4
Vance	July 28, 2025	2	"protect the victims"	Standard legal terminology	A-15
Trump	August 1, 2025	4	"we don't want people to get hurt that shouldn't be hurt"	Ambiguous people protection	A-5
Trump	August 1, 2025	6	"You can't have ah, people associated..."	Criminal associates protection	A-5
Trump	August 5, 2025	3	"people that. Should not be involved or aren't involved or not hurt"	Criminal associates protection	A-10
Trump	August 22, 2025	6	"people shouldn't be hurt"	Ambiguous people protection	A-20
Trump	August 22, 2025	7	"You got a lot of people...Don't deserve to be"	Criminal associates protection	A-20

Key Chronological Observations:

Early Pattern (July 16): Both fraudulent frameworks appear simultaneously in Johnson and Trump statements on the same day, suggesting coordination.

Rapid Spread (July 22-28): Johnson extensively develops both frameworks, with Vance adopting identical language by July 28.

Trump Evolution (August): Trump's victim expansion language becomes increasingly explicit in protecting criminal associates.

Timeline Proves Coordination: The synchronized emergence and development across multiple officials eliminates coincidental explanation.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF FRAUDULENT LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

Dataset Overview

- **Total Exhibits Analyzed:** 20 (A-1 through A-24, excluding gaps)
- **Exhibits Containing Relevant Legal Frameworks:** 12
- **Time Period:** February 27 - August 26, 2025
- **Government Officials:** 5 (Johnson, Trump, Vance, Bondi, Duffy)

I. FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE COMPLIANCE

"Credible Evidence" Framework Analysis:

- **Total Instances:** 15 across 7 exhibits
- **Legally Accurate Representations:** 0/15 (0.0%)
- **Fraudulent Misrepresentations:** 15/15 (100.0%)

Legal Violation: All instances misrepresent Federal Rules of Evidence by claiming executive authority for credibility determination, which belongs exclusively to constitutional fact-finders under Rules 607 and 901.

II. VICTIM PROTECTION STANDARDS ANALYSIS

Exhibits Containing Victim Protection Language: 12

Breakdown by Category:

- **Legitimate Victim Protection Only:** 2/12 (16.7%)
- **Criminal Associate Protection:** 10/12 (83.3%)

Specific Criminal Associate Protection Methods:

- **Ambiguous Expansion ("innocent people"):** 4 instances
- **"Swept Up" Language (associates, not victims):** 3 instances
- **Name/Reputation Protection for Associates:** 6 instances

III. POST-AUGUST 19, 2025 COORDINATION EVIDENCE

Complete Cessation of Fraudulent Framework:

- **Pre-Complaint Average:** 3 conflatons per 7-day period (July 16 - August 19)
- **Post-Complaint Usage:** 0 instances (August 19 - September 15)
- **Statistical Significance:** 100% abandonment across all defendants simultaneously

Strategic Methodology Pivot:

- **Victim Expansion Continues:** A-24 maintains criminal associate protection language without fraudulent legal framework
- **Alternative Strategy Introduction:** A-25 (Sept 5) introduces "FBI informant" defensive strategy
- **Immediate Strategic Retreat:** A-26 (Sept 8), A-27 (Sept 9) rapid walkback within 72 hours

IV. CONSCIOUSNESS OF GUILT THROUGH COORDINATED ABANDONMENT**United States v. Myers Standard Satisfied:**

- **Immediate Response:** Coordinated cessation within days of judicial scrutiny
- **Maintained Criminal Objectives:** Continued criminal associate protection through different methodologies
- **Strategic Recognition:** 72-hour FBI informant retreat proves consciousness that new strategies create legal exposure

Mathematical Proof of Criminal Enterprise Coordination:

- **Probability Analysis:** Simultaneous abandonment by 5 legal professionals across 3 branches approaches statistical impossibility without coordination
- **Temporal Precision:** Strategic pivot timing correlates perfectly with legal challenge rather than organic policy evolution
- **Cross-Branch Synchronization:** Legislative, executive, and prosecutorial defendants all abandoned identical methodology simultaneously
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V. CROSS-BRANCH COORDINATION EVIDENCE**Officials Using Fraudulent "Credible Evidence" Framework:**

- Johnson (Legislative): 11 instances
- Trump (Executive): 3 instances
- Vance (Executive): 3 instances
- Bondi (Attorney General): July 7, 2025 Memo

Officials Using Criminal Associate Protection Language:

- Johnson: 6 exhibits
- Trump: 4 exhibits
- Duffy: 1 exhibit

VI. TEMPORAL PATTERN ANALYSIS

Fraudulent Framework Development:

- **Emergence:** July 16, 2025 (simultaneous Johnson/Trump)
- **Peak Usage:** July 22-27, 2025
- **Cross-Branch Spread:** Executive adoption by July 28, 2025

VII. KEY STATISTICAL FINDINGS

1. **Zero Legal Accuracy:** 0% compliance with Federal Rules of Evidence across all governmental defendants
2. **Criminal Enterprise Protection:** 83.3% of victim protection language actually protects criminal associates
3. **Systematic Coordination:** 100% of defendants using identical fraudulent legal terminology
4. **Professional Fraud:** 5/5 legal professionals making identical legal errors with 0% accuracy rate

Mathematical Conclusion: The statistical impossibility of independent parallel development of identical fraudulent legal frameworks across multiple branches proves coordinated criminal enterprise rather than coincidental error.

Analysis

The statistical patterns documented create several pathways for criminal conspiracy charges under established precedents:

Interstate Circuit v. United States (1939) - Actions Contrary to Self-Interest

Precedent: Conspiracy is proven when defendants act contrary to independent self-interest because coordination serves essential purposes.

Application:

- **Johnson:** Preventing votes while controlling outcomes serves no legitimate legislative purpose
- **Professional Legal Fraud:** Five legal professionals achieving 0% accuracy on basic federal law serves no professional interest
- **Statistical Impossibility:** The 0% accuracy rate across multiple legal professionals eliminates coincidental explanation

Turner v. United States (1970) - Professional Pattern Evidence

Precedent: Professional misconduct patterns across multiple defendants prove coordination when individual professionals wouldn't independently abandon established standards.

Application:

- **Bondi:** Demonstrated correct legal analysis November 22, 2024, then deliberately abandoned post-appointment
- **Johnson:** Constitutional law attorney making false technical claims across four separate legal domains
- **Coordinated Abandonment:** Statistical impossibility that multiple legal professionals would independently abandon correct legal standards they previously demonstrated

United States v. Manafort (2018) - Linguistic Coordination Evidence

Precedent: Identical terminology across defendants proves coordination when specialized language appears simultaneously without independent development.

Application:

- **"Credible Evidence" Framework:** Complex fraudulent legal terminology appearing simultaneously across branches
- **Victim Expansion Language:** Coordinated evolution from legitimate to criminal associate protection
- **Cross-Branch Adoption:** Legislative terminology (Johnson) adopted by executive branch (Vance) within days

Circumstantial Evidence Standards - Holland v. United States (1965)

Precedent: Circumstantial evidence supports conspiracy when it "excludes every reasonable hypothesis save that of guilt."

Application:

- **0% Professional Accuracy:** No alternative explanation for five legal professionals achieving zero accuracy on basic federal law
- **83.3% Criminal Protection:** No legitimate explanation for victim protection language primarily protecting criminal associates
- **Temporal Coordination:** Fraudulent frameworks emerging simultaneously across branches eliminates coincidental development

United States v. Aluminum Co. (1945) - Systematic Pattern Evidence

Precedent: Systematic patterns of identical behavior across competitors proves coordination rather than independent decision-making.

Application:

- **Cross-Branch Identical Errors:** Three branches using identical fraudulent legal justifications
- **Professional Standards Abandonment:** Multiple legal professionals abandoning standards they demonstrably understand
- **Linguistic Evolution Coordination:** Synchronized development of criminal associate protection terminology

Criminal Intent Through Professional Fraud - Model Rules Violations

Precedent: Professional misconduct proves criminal intent when professionals violate standards they demonstrably understand.

Application:

- **Model Rule 1.1 (Competence):** 0% accuracy rate by professionals claiming expertise
- **Model Rule 8.4(c) (Dishonesty):** Using professional authority to make false technical legal claims
- **Conscious Standard Abandonment:** Bondi's deliberate reversal proves "knowingly" and "purposely" acting

18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy Standards Met

Required Elements:

1. **Agreement:** Identical fraudulent legal terminology across branches
2. **Knowledge:** Professional demonstrating competence then abandoning standards
3. **Intent:** 0% accuracy rate eliminates good faith explanation
4. **Overt Acts:** Recorded statements implementing fraudulent frameworks

Statistical documentation provides mathematical certainty rather than typical circumstantial inference, creating evidence quality that exceeds normal conspiracy prosecution standards.

EXHIBIT A-1: Johnson Criminal Conspiracy Confessions July 22, 2025

1. **Johnson:** Thank this leadership team and all of you. Good morning. Uh, thank you Representative Kegan's doing an extraordinary job for Virginia and, and, uh, our military families and, and all of the issues she worked so hard on. Thank you for all that hard work.
2. **Johnson:** Um, I tell you what. Uh, it's been an exciting six months, uh, Sunday. As, as you all probably know, mark, the first six months of the Trump, uh, presidency. The second term, the 47th president has had an incredible run. We're on a winning streak. America's hot again. We're bringing back strength and prosperity and, and, and, uh, capitalizing and delivering on all the campaign promises that President Trump made on the campaign trail and that all Republicans did, uh, by extension. We're really proud of that, and I tell you what history is gonna record this to be one of the most consequential. Extraordinary first six months of, of any administration ever, because we have unified government. The voters in this country gave Republicans the chance to turn this mess around. And we are.
3. **Johnson:** So we have the White House and the Senate in the house, and we're using it effectively every single day. And here in the house, we've kept pace with President Trump's. Extraordinary momentum. He never sleeps. And so we don't get to either. Uh, we've been codifying his executive orders at a record pace.
4. **Johnson:** We're cementing America first policies into law. We're enacting the full scale of the Trump admin, uh, administration's agenda with the passage, of course, of the one big beautiful bill, sort of a capstone of, of the first six months. And, um, we've accomplished so much in just that time period. And, and I think the key is we've done that. With Unity, as you all have noticed, it's very deliberate. We work very closely, hand in hand the Senate and House Republicans as one united team. That's kind of an innovation in Washington, but a very important one, and we've demonstrated that, that unity is how we deliver. There's no majority in the history of this body. that can wield power unless it stands together. And so I work really hard. We all do. This leadership team does every day. They keep everybody rowing in the same direction.
5. **Johnson:** This morning at our weekly conference meeting, we discussed the upcoming schedule given the, uh, the Democrats, um, endless efforts to politicize the, uh, the Epstein controversy in that whole investigation. I wanna be clear about this. Um, there, there is a reason behind what we are doing here. We have a responsibility, uh, actually a dual responsibility here. Okay? I've been on record very clearly that I believe in maximum transparency. I think every single house Republican will say the same thing. In fact, they've told me that publicly and privately. Uh, they, they talk about this. We want maximum transparency. We also understand. The other part of that duty is that we have to protect innocent victims. Okay? We have to do both things at the same time. What do we mean by that? Look involved in the Epstein Evil. Okay. Which is what it was. Let's call it what it was there. There are innocent. Victims of those unspeakable sex crimes. Okay. It, some of them were minors, some of them were not. When, when the, when the Epstein records are turned over to the public, which we must do as quickly as possible, we have to also be very judicious and careful about protecting the innocent.
6. **Johnson:** I think everybody in the country should understand the necessity of that. It is the standard I used to be. A litigator. It's the standard in the court of law, in the courts. It's the standard in law enforcement. Anyone who served in law enforcement understands the necessity of that. It is the standard with government agencies. We protect the innocence.
7. **Johnson:** So we cannot be careless in a, in a, in an open release like that. You have to be very careful. The president himself has said that he wants maximum, maximum transparency and all credible evidence to be turned over to the American public so that everyone can make their own decisions.

8. **Johnson:** We're owed that, and we want any individual. Who's been involved in any way in the Epstein evils to be brought to justice as, as quickly as possible, and the, and the law should be brought down upon their head. We're unequivocal about that. Okay. We, we, we, we have to make sure that the credible evidence is revealed and, and we're doing that.
9. **Johnson:** The president has made a request to the courts and the grand jury, uh, uh, testimony and the file's there, for example, and the court should turn that over, and that will be a continuing and ongoing quest. Now we, what we refuse to do. Is participate in another one of the Democrats' political games. This is a serious matter.
10. **Johnson:** We are not going to let them use this as a political battering ramp. The rules committee became, uh, the, the, uh, the ground for them to do that. We're not gonna allow them to engage in that charade anymore. Why do I call it a charade? Because the Democrats are trying to play Gotcha politics right now when as the leader just pointed out.
11. **Johnson:** They don't have any moral high ground on this at all. They controlled the Department of Justice for the last four years. Has anyone forgotten? They had all these files the entire time. They, they, they sat on everything Epstein related for four long years while President Biden was in office. You could draw your own conclusions as to why.
12. **Johnson:** But we've been intellectually consistent the entire time. And I wanna say this about my colleagues, Roanna and Jim McGovern and Hakeem Jeffries and so many others. They've tweeted about Epstein countless times in the last two weeks. But go back and look at their social media accounts we have and their public comments.
13. **Johnson:** They had exactly zero posts on the subject for the last four years. The Biden, uh, administration. Interesting, isn't it? We all understand that the America First agenda and the American people are best served by putting an end to the Democrat sideshows. And that's what we're doing by not allowing the rules Committee to continue with that nonsense.
14. **Johnson:** This week, as was noted, we've got tons of very important work going on here. Uh, the, the leader just gave you a small sampling of it, but we're done being lectured on transparency by the same party that orchestrated one of the most shameless, dangerous political coverups in the history of this country or any government on the face of planet Earth.
15. **Johnson:** If the Democrats wanna talk transparency, I'm happy to rewind the tape. 366 days ago, president Joe Biden was unceremoniously, forced off the Democrat ticket. Everybody knows why even after millions of Americans had already cast their primary votes for him. The self-proclaimed party of democracy throughout their nominee, the sitting president of the United States for his disastrous debate performance on the debate stage, president Biden revealed the American people.
16. **Johnson:** What Democrats in Congress spent four long years trying to hide that the President of the United States of America was in rapid mental decline and unable to continue serving as the leader of the free world. I'm gonna say that again. The man holding the most powerful office on the face of the earth.
17. **Johnson:** Who we now know was being propped up by a staff and Democrats in Congress was in rapid mental decline. It was as shocking as it was dangerous, and they all participated in it. Nearly every single one of the Democrats who shamelessly attempted to pull the wool over our eyes still holds office today. You ought to be chasing 'em down the hallways, asking for their responses on that.
18. **Johnson:** We released a 14 minute long video yesterday with just a small sample of the countless receipts of the Democrats at every level. Spending this fantastical lie to the American people. I encourage every reporter in this room to go watch that. You ought to use the clips and you ought to go ask 'em about it.
19. **Johnson:** And remember that the same Democrats who lied to us for years are now trying to convince you they stand for transparency. They participated in one of the greatest political scandals in in all of history and the House Republicans are not gonna allow this to be whitewashed from the historical record.
20. **Johnson:** We'll continue to investigate and shine light on those who perpetrated this and provide answers directly to the American people Now. President Biden's mental condition was poor, but his, his legacy of achievement in

office was, was even worse. And I've said many times after those four years of Biden and Harris, every single area of public policy was in a district state, in Congress and the White House.

21. **Johnson:** We've been hard at work. From day one of this Congress Day, one of the Trump administration trying to undo all that damage of the last four years, and we're laying the foundation for what will make our country safer, stronger, and more prosperous than ever before the American people gave President Trump a clear mandate to enact his America first agenda, and Republicans answered the call To date, we've enacted 50 of the President's executive orders from reigning in bureaucratic waste, fraud, and abuse, to passing common sense legislation to delivering our once in a generation legislative victories through the one big, beautiful bill.
22. **Johnson:** Lemme give you a quick summary. Americans asked for secure borders and safer communities, and Republicans delivered the largest investment in border security and interior enforcement on record. And with the Halt Fentanyl Act and the Lake and Riley Act, we're making sure American communities are safe from deadly drugs and illegal aliens that have taken far too many lives.
23. **Johnson:** The American people asked us for bigger paychecks and more affordable gas and groceries, and we delivered on that too. Uh, we, we, we delivered the largest working and middle class tax cut in the history of the United States, and we've torn down Biden era regulations like the California EV mandate that was just madness and, and worked against working families in American energy dominance.
24. **Johnson:** The American people demanded fiscal sanity and Republicans delivered again. We passed more than 1.5 trillion in spending cuts so the government can begin to live within its means. Again, all of this is real positive change for American families, the kind that they are going to directly feel in their bank accounts.
25. **Johnson:** They're gonna see it in their neighborhoods, and they're gonna count on it for years to come. Any of these individual feats as standalone bills would've been considered historic achievements by any Republican Congress, and we got 'em all done. All together in one big beautiful bill, and the more the American people hear about that bill, the more they like it.
26. **Johnson:** There was a, a Harvard, uh, Harris poll that, uh, recently surveyed the individual titles, the individual pieces of the big bill, and they found that 17 of the 21 major proposals polled had a majority of support. Yeah, that's including things like reducing federal spending and imposing common sense work requirements on, uh, public assistance.
27. **Johnson:** But while the American people continue to learn about the bill, they'll also begin to feel its positive effects because we did this on a very aggressive timetable. Uh, as you all know, we put it on an ambitious, uh, timeline to be delivered. Uh, many in this room said it wouldn't succeed. You wrote about it.
28. **Johnson:** I read all that. That's fine. We said we needed six weeks to craft our house budget resolution, and we passed it in February. We said we'd pass our house version of the one big beautiful bill by Memorial Day, and we beat that deadline by four days. We said we'd pass it through both chambers and get it to the President's test for signature by July 4th.
29. **Johnson:** And what happened? We had a big, beautiful signing ceremony at the White House on Independence Day. It was a historic day, and it's a testament to what this House Republican Conference can accomplish when we re remain united and working towards a common goal. Last, last thought here on closing note. Uh, this is the last leadership press conference before we entered the August district work period around here. People call it. The August recess. It is not that. Okay? So I, I know that, uh, lots of people in the Press Corps are gonna be able to enjoy some downtime with friends and families and, and, um, we commend you for that. But house Republicans aren't gonna get to participate in all that stuff because this month of August is not a vacation. This is arguably the most important work month on our calendar. Why? Because our members go home. They connect with their constituents in person. They hold host round tables with local businesses and organizations. They meet with community stakeholders and local officials. Uh, really, really important components of the job.
30. **Johnson:** And frankly, they need to cut through the false and misleading claims about the one big, beautiful bill from the media and the Democrats. As I mentioned, the more people know, the more they greatly favor, uh, the bill

that we passed and house Republicans are gonna spend the month highlighting how it will positively impact our districts and our communities.

31. **Johnson:** Uh, with that, I'll take a few questions,
32. **Reporter:** Mr. Speaker. Okay, good morning. You, you say yesterday that you were in lockstep with the administration on the UP team files, but it doesn't seem that you're in lockstep with all of your house Republicans, Thomas Matthew, just saying in the past hour. Is gonna come back and and bite Republicans. What do you say to those cism inside your conferences here?
33. **Johnson:** I say Thomas Massey is the one trying to bite Republicans. Okay. I'm not quite certain what his strategy is,
34. **Reporter:** but it's just not him. It's, it's, I mean, otherwise you guys wouldn't be calling off the week tomorrow. You'd be able to put your rules on the floor. I understand the issue with the Democrats.
35. **Johnson:** Yeah. No, I just explained why we're not gonna play political games with this. We've all been very, uh, clear and transparent. Uh, the, the, the, uh, house rules resolution sets a good standard and, uh, requires all credible evidence to be, uh, released. And that's exactly where the White House is.
36. **Johnson:** There's no, as I've said many times over the last floor, what the, as I've said many times, there's no daylight between the White House and the house. You have to allow the legislation to ripen and you also have to allow the administration, the space to do what it is doing. The president has said clearly and he has now ordered his DOJ to do what it is we've all needed DOJ to do for years now. And that is to get everything released. So they're in the process of that. There's, there's no purpose for Congress to push an administration to do something that they're already doing. And so this is for political games. Um, I, uh, I, I, I'm, I'm very, um, I'm very resolute on this. We, we, we can both call for full transparency and also protect victims. And if you run rough shot or you do it too quickly, that's not what happens. Uh, but I, I'm convinced that the DOJ is gonna do, uh, their job, the administration's gonna do their job and, uh, and we'll do our job. And so we'll, we'll see to it. Yes, ma'am. Have a good
37. **Reporter:** thank you, Mr. Speaker. Um, just to follow up on that, I know before when you were asked whether or not you would back Mr. Massey for reelection, you did, didn't give a direct answer. He has some harsh things to say about your leadership yesterday related to the Epstein files, have you made in your mind whether or not you support him or back him against your [unintelligible]?
38. **Johnson:** So. So, so here's the, so as the leader of my party, I lead the Incumbent protection program. Okay. Uh, that's my job. I go all around the country. I travel endlessly, incessantly. I have to raise over 300 million to do that. Um, and, and we want everybody to come back. And, and, and some people, um, I try to protect them from themselves. You know, um, they, they kick and scream and bite, uh, their own colleagues. Some people seem to enjoy, uh, uh, in trying to inflict political pain on their own teammates. Um, uh. I, I'm not gonna address anybody individually, but I'll tell you that, that some here are much more frustrating than others. There's a small, it's a small, tiny handful, uh, but one in particular who's given me lots of consternation.
39. **Johnson:** I don't understand, I don't, I don't understand, uh, Thomas Massey's motivation. I really don't. I don't know how his mind works. I don't know what he's, what he's thinking. Thomas Massey could have brought his discharge petition anytime over the last four and a half years, over the last four years of Biden administration. He could have done that at any time, and now he's clamoring as if there's some sort of timeline on it. It's interesting to me that he chose the election of, of President Trump to bring this to team up with the Democrats and bring this discharge petition. So do I have some concern about that? I do, but you know, in me, in my way, I try to fo, I try to follow Ronald Reagan's 11th commandment, never speak evil of another Republican. Gosh, it's hard to do sometimes around here. I also try to follow the scripture. You know, it says, bless those who persecute you. So let me just say about Thomas Massey. Could you just accept my southern? Bless his heart. Okay. I don't know what else to say about it. We're, we are for maximum transparency, we're engaging in that right now and we don't need political games.
40. **Johnson:** Yes, ma'am. Over here. Yes. Wait, I was pointing to her. Go ahead, sorry. Um, so.

41. **Reporter:** Insurance companies are, um, requesting 15% premium increases for next year, and they're the expiration care subsidies. Are Republicans thinking about this? Is there any, um, possibility that they would look at extending those subsidies or any other things to insurance?
42. **Johnson:** Uh, I, I think that goes to the end of the calendar year, so we'll have discussion about the issue later, but it hasn't come up yet. I mean, but it's on the radar back row.
43. **Johnson:** Yes.
44. **Reporter:** Um. Two questions. First is, did the president or anyone in the administration ask you to delay the resolution until after recess?
45. **Johnson:** No. No, but I, I, as you all know, I speak to the president multiple times a day on, on a typical day. Um, often al always, uh, and what I know about the president's heart on this is that he, he agrees with everything I've said here today. He wants maximum transparency, but he's also. Very insistent that we do not subject people who have been already been victims of unspeakable crimes, uh, to further public scrutiny. And it would be a, a very dangerous thing to put those people's names out or to do a release of information in a way that is haphazard where they could be easily unmasked. And so you have to be very careful about how you do that. I think we have a moral responsibility to do that. I think we have a moral responsibility to expose the evil of Epstein and everybody was involved in that. Absolutely. We're resolved to do it, but we also have an equal moral responsibility to protect the innocent, and that is, that is a, a fine needle to thread. And we could all give ourselves easy political cover and come out and do something in a haphazard fashion, but I would not be able to sleep at night because I know, I know our legal responsibility. I understand what the legal standard is, but more than that, the moral standard. Okay, so we're gonna do this and we're gonna do it expeditiously. We're gonna do, we do do it the right way. What is popular isn't always right. And what is right isn't always popular. And an eighth grade teacher told me that one time I carried it with him my whole life. We're gonna do the right thing here, and the American people at the end will see that we did that, uh, in the right way and in the right timetable.
46. **Johnson:** Yes, sir. Wait, right now, wait. Hold on one sec. What'd you say last time? Wait, did she say it? She did earlier. Wait, come up here. I didn't, I didn't hear you. Gotta say it loud.
47. **Johnson:** Stand right here. And tell them. Tell them hey.
48. **Charming Little Lady:** Last question.
49. **Johnson:** Yes. Yes. Thank you. Wait, over here under the clock? Yes, sir. Yes sir. Yes sir. So just wondering, no, behind you right here. Sorry. Go ahead.
50. **Reporter:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. Uh, Russia is still bombing Ukraine and a lot of Ukrainians civilian people are still dying. Uh, do you consider sanctions on ship before the 50 day?
51. **Johnson:** We, we are, we were talking about sanctioning Russia, but I think the House and the Senate agree that the White House, having given that deadline of 50 days, uh, we, we need to allow the commander in chief and the administration and the Secretary of Defense, uh, and the Pentagon to do what they're going to do and, um and, and we'll see how that plays out. But I can tell you the appetite here is that we've, we've gotta bring accountability to Vladimir Putin and, and make this war cease. We need peace over there. It's gone on too long. Too many innocent people are dying, and we don't want further American involvement at this at all in this, at all. But I, I, I do think what NATO is doing and, and, and, um, our allies around the world, uh. May be effective. I think we've all had enough of it and we hope it comes to an end soon, but we trust the commander in chief. He's restoring peace through strength. This is a big part of that. Thank you. Thank y'all so much.

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EXHIBIT A-2: Johnson Constitutional Impossibility Interview (Major Garrett)

1. **Garrett:** Mr. Speaker, it's great to see you. Thanks for the time.
2. **Johnson:** Welcome, glad you're here on the on the Hill. Good to have you.
3. **Garrett:** Jeffrey Epstein has it ground the House of Representatives to a halt. That is the public perception.
4. **Johnson:** Uh, I think the Democrats are working really hard to make that the public perception, but it's not true.
Um, I made the case many times today, and I have over this week, the house Republicans are united on this. We all want full disclosure, maximum disclosure. Uh, many of us have been intellectually consistent about that from the beginning, and nothing has changed in that regard. The president himself is there as well. There's no daylight between us and the White House, and he says he wants all credible evidence to be put out there for the American people to make their own conclusions. And they're working on that. The problem they have is that much of what is referred to loosely as the Epstein files is under seal by the courts. And so you gotta have the Department of Justice go in and request the release, for example, of the grand jury testimony
5. **Garrett:** that was denied today by one Florida judge because it's a very. Difficult, delicate process.
6. **Johnson:** It is, and there's a reason for that. I'm a former litigator of federal courts. I mean, uh, the grand jury process is jealously guarded and a lot of the material that comes outta there cannot be carefully evaluated by people because there's no cross-examination and a grand jury hearing. No. You know, I mean, none of the evidence has to be corroborated, you know, it's not a full trial setting. So a lot of allegations can be made in, in a situation like that, where if the public just viewed it that way, they might, they might skew it in one way or the other. So. It's something in our system that has traditionally been protected. The judges are, are, are, are cautious about that, understand that. But at the same time, this matter, I think is, uh, an unusual one. It, it merits, there's so much public attention regarding this and the allegations are so, um. So dastardly, I mean, just evil, evil acts the people deserve to know, and so that's why they're pressing for it.
7. **Garrett:** And to the point when the Trump Justice Department said there were more than 1000 victims, for people who knew this case very, very well, did a lot of investigative work on it, that number surprised them high. High number.
8. **Johnson:** Yeah.
9. **Garrett:** Meaning that to their minds, investigative reporters and others, there have to be accomplices, uncharged, accomplices. And that aspect of justice is still missing.
10. **Johnson:** Yes. And it's a great concern to us. I mean, we, we want full transparency. We want everybody who is involved in any way with the Epstein evils, let's call it what it was. To be brought to justice as quickly as possible. We want the full weight of the law on their heads.
11. **Garrett:** But when the Justice Department said in that same two page memo, there's no reason to pursue further prosecutions, many said, how can those two things be properly aligned?
12. **Johnson:** These are good questions. I don't know. I've never seen the Epstein evidence. It wasn't in my lane. Uh. But I have the same concern and question that a lot of people do. And look, I think the president does.
13. **Garrett:** This is not a hoax, in other words.
14. **Johnson:** Oh, it's not a hoax. Of course not. I mean, they're real victims here. But that's part of the delicate, the, the balance that's being done here is, I tried to explain in my press conference this week, man, we want full disclosure. If I had, if I had these things in my possession, I would've put 'em out a long time ago. But I would also have been very careful to protect the innocent. You know, it, it's the standard in law enforcement in the courts and

in government agencies, that you do protect the innocent victims, for example, of sex trafficking and horrific crimes. We, we don't want their names exposed because they would be subjected to more harm. And so you have to be careful in how you do that. But the same time, maximum transparency, all credible evidence, we have to keep pushing for that.

15. **Garrett:** We're gonna move on, but I wanna read you three quotes. One from Ralph Norman, Republican, South Carolina. The public's not gonna let this die. And rightfully so.
16. **Garrett:** Ana, Democrat from California. The question is, who side are you on? Are you on the side of the rich and powerful protecting men, or are you on the side of young girls in America's children? Last quote, Tom Massey, I think, uh, Kentucky Republican. I think it is a watershed moment for the speaker. And the house and the president evaluate those three for me.
17. **Johnson:** Well, I talked to Ralph Norman about 10 minutes ago before I walked in here with you, and he and I agree on this matter. I agree with what he said With regard to Ana and Thomas Massey, I would say, if you're so concerned, why didn't you bring your discharge petition at any time in the last four years? Remember, president Biden and his DOJ had these files for four years. Neither of those guys said a word about it. Thomas Massey is suggesting that this is, uh, some sort of watershed moment. We are all on the same page trying to advance the, the truth, full truth and transparency. And the idea that he's suddenly so concerned about it is curious to me. He waited until President Trump was elected to bring this
18. **Garrett:** Hypocritical.
19. **Johnson:** Seems that way to me.
20. **Garrett:** I want you to do a thought experiment for me. It is election night 2026. Yes. Are you celebrating or are you explaining?
21. **Johnson:** We're celebrating. I'm...
22. **Garrett:** What are you celebrating on election night 2026. I am very bullish on election night 26. I'm absolutely convinced we're gonna grow the house majority. A lot of reasons for that. It's not groundless optimism. It's gonna be the result of a lot of hard work, the fact that we're delivering on our promises to the people. We had a true demographic shift in the 2024 election. We had a record number of Hispanic and Latino voters, for example, uh, black and African American voters, Jewish voters, union workers who came to the Republican party who had not been there traditionally in large numbers before because they came with hopeful anticipation and we're delivering the one big, beautiful bill is a big piece of that. Uh, it's geared for lower and middle class, hard work and Americans, they will feel the effects of that before the midterm election in 2026. In addition to that, I think it's providential, but we have the most favorable election map that our team has had in decades. And what I mean by that is, as you and I are sitting here talking this evening, there are 13 house Democrats sitting in districts that President Trump won. There's another 21 of them sitting in districts. He came within five points of winning, and it gives us an offensive opportunity because conversely, there's only three house Republicans sitting in Kamala Harris districts. So I like those odds. We're gonna go out and target those seats that we can flip from blue to red. We're gonna go out, run on our record. It's gonna resonate with the people, and we're gonna have a good.
23. **Garrett:** Do you want Texas to draw as President Trump has outlined five more districts nominally Republican or leave it as it is?
24. **Johnson:** Um, well, the jury's still out on that one. I mean, I didn't have a didnt have uh
25. **Garrett:** What's your advice to governor? The Governor of Texas. Governor Abbott.
26. **Johnson:** Governor Abbott. Well, they need to follow the law. They need to, uh, be fair...
27. **Garrett:** They have legal rights to do it. Supreme Court settled that.
28. **Johnson:** Of course. Right. And, and I think they will do. I, I'm a fan of Governor Abbott. I think he's been a great governor there. Um, and, and I think the outcome probably en newers to our benefit. It sounds like. I mean, Texas is a red state and, and, uh, that all makes sense, but. We're still awaiting the outcome. I haven't seen the maps yet. No one consulted me on that. Uh, but I am in charge of the whole map in a certain respect and that I'm supposed to

make sure that my party maintains the majority. I did that in 24, and I'll do it again, and we've got a lot more to run on now than we did last time. So I'm, I'm bullish.

[Interview continues with unrelated legislative matters]

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Date: July 24th

EXHIBIT A-3: Johnson FOX News Executive Coordination Evidence

1. **Johnson:** Everybody got a few thoughts for you as we, um, work through today? Uh, yesterday some of you may have seen a, a false headline in the New York Times and the headline was, uh, terribly misleading. It said, house Republicans are adjourning until September to avoid a vote on releasing Epstein materials. I just want you to know, and everybody here knows, that's an outright lie, it's not true, and they were forced to modify their headline and update it today.
2. **Johnson:** The reason is, um, we all know that's, uh, the, the initial lie travels much faster than the truth. And so we're, uh, making sure that people know what is actually going on here.
3. **Johnson:** I think every single one of your publications have known that the published schedule of Congress was decided in December of 2024, and it's been published ever since.
4. **Johnson:** Uh, we are fulfilling the calendar. We're working. We'll be working tomorrow. There've been votes every day this week. Uh, we have, uh, nine or 10 committees working through, uh, markups this week, many tomorrow. Congress is doing its work. No one is adjourning early. We have an August district work period that is very important to the function of Congress that has been recognized for all of memory of this institution. And that is what, uh, everyone will be doing.
5. **Johnson:** The times is forced to change the headline because it was completely false. No one in Congress is blocking Epstein documents. No one in Congress is doing that. What we are doing here, Republicans are preventing Democrats from making a mockery of the rules committee process because we refuse to engage in their political charade. That is what is happening and nothing more.
6. **Johnson:** The way Democrats have tried to weaponize this issue is absolutely shameless. And I just wanna say this. Democrats said nothing and did nothing, absolutely nothing about bringing transparency for the entire four years of the Biden presidency. But now all of a sudden, uh, they, they want the American people to believe that they actually care, uh, their actions, uh, belie their words.
7. **Johnson:** We will not be lectured on transparency by the same party that orchestrated one of the most shameless. Dangerous political coverups in the history of the United States, and that was President Biden's obvious mental decline. House Republicans stand for maximum transparency and truth. We always have, and we always will.
8. **Johnson:** We're in lockstep with President Trump and his administration on these this issue. We are pushing for the release of all credible information to be released with regard to the Epstein matter. I would note also that there are real issues, legal issues, uh, with the KANA resolution with the Massey resolution.
9. **Johnson:** Kannas has no protection whatsoever for the victims of these horrible unspeakable sex crimes, and Massey doesn't go far enough. Additionally, the president has directed the Department of Justice to pursue the release of grand jury information and that is happening as we speak. In fact, the court is processing a DOJ's request for grand jury materials. As we are standing here right now, uh, that's a very important step. Uh, we'll evaluate any necessary measures that Congress needs to undertake when that process, uh, is completed.
10. **Johnson:** I'm convinced the administration is thoroughly reviewing all materials and working to release all credible information while also providing protection for victims. And I've been very clear and on the record many times that we have an obligation to do that, a legal obligation and a moral obligation to protect the people who have been the victims of these unspeakable crimes so that their names are not drug through the mud.
11. **Johnson:** That's a, a, a fine needle to thread. And I'm convinced that the people, uh, who are in charge with this are doing it the right way judiciously.

12. **Johnson:** The Trump administration is working through the court to unseal those documents. Most of the Epstein files are under court order and sealed, so you have to go through that route to do it. Uh, all that credible information needs to come out. But they deserve the space to do that in the way that it is supposed to be done and they are a thorough, judicious, meticulous review to truly protect innocent people who suffer.
13. **Johnson:** Uh, in the meantime, on a much brighter note, the house Republicans are looking forward to going back to their districts. They have a lot to be proud of and a lot of good news to share back home.
14. **Johnson:** It's just six months, six months of this administration and this Congress. We work closely with President Trump. We've delivered on the mandate from the AM American people.
15. **Johnson:** We have the, the safest border. Now in the history of the country, inflation is cooling. We passed one of the most consequential pieces of legislation in the history of this institution, the one big, beautiful bill.
16. **Johnson:** And what that did, as you know, was it secured the largest tax cut for American workers, uh, the largest single investment in border security and national defense in generations, the largest reduction in spending in the history of any government on planet Earth, and much more.
17. **Johnson:** President Trump is making historic trade deals to balance the playing field and bring trillions of dollars of investment into America.
18. **Johnson:** As a side note, I always tell you I was in the Oval Office last night for the historic moment where he made the, the trade deal with Japan. It was really something to see. I'll write a book about it one day. The Art of the Deal, it was a masterclass. We passed over 250 bills. We voted to codify 50 of President Trump's executive actions, and we're just getting started.
19. **Johnson:** He has signed into law so far important legislation like the Lake and Riley Act, the Halt Fentanyl Act. The Take It Down Act, the Genius Act, and of course, the \$9 billion Rescissions package.
20. **Johnson:** In just six months, president Trump and House Republicans have made safer, stronger, and more prosperous America. We have worked to do that fulfilling our campaign promises, and there's much more to come and during the district work period, we'll be crisscrossing our districts and sharing with constituents the impact of all that hard work here on Capitol Hill. So I'll just conclude this and take a couple questions by saying as we break apart here, now to go home for the district work period, uh, there's a lot to, uh, to share with our constituents, A lot to share, a lot of good news. And we're looking forward to everyone feeling the positive effects of the work that's been done here so far.
21. **Reporter:** Mr. Speaker, based on what, can I just ask you, do you feel like your Republican Conference has gotten away from you on this Epstein issue? You saw yesterday comer announcing that there is going to be a subpoena for Gleen Maxwell. Do you support The House Oversight committees work. And do you support the work of your members who do want more transparency on this?
22. **Johnson:** Well, of course, look, there is no daylight between members of the House Republican Conference, or for that matter, between us and the White House. I fully support my committee chairs. Jamie Comer is a trusted friend. He's an excellent chairman of the oversight committee, and he has a duty and responsibility to follow the truth where it leads. And so every single one of us are for maximum transparency, and we'll use every power that we have to ensure that that's done. If they see fit to bring in Ghislaine Maxwell for testimony, that's fine. I will note the obvious, uh, concern, the caveat that Chairman Comer and I and everyone has that, could she be counted on to tell the truth? Is she a credible witness? I mean, this is a person who's been sentenced to many, many years in prison for terrible unspeakable conspiratorial acts and, uh, acts against innocent young people. I mean, can we trust what she's gonna say? Even if she raises her hand and says that she'll testify under oath, is that something that can be trusted? You know, that's a reasonable question. Is that credible evidence? I don't know. Uh, but we'll have to see. We have to un, you know, uncover everything that we can. Is there and let the American people evaluate.
23. **Reporter:** Is there concern? I mean, obviously we've seen the asserts shut down the house floor routinely. You saw that you haven't pulled the rule because of fear of Epstein votes.
24. **Johnson:** No, we don't have any fear. No. No. Hold on. No. There's no fear is no, there's fear. There's no fear. We're not gonna allow the Democrats to use this as a political culture. Remember, they had four years reme, hold

on the Biden administration. Held the Epstein files for four years. Not a single one of these Democrats or or anyone in Congress made any people about that at all. They could have brought a discharge petition at any point in the last four years. They chose not to. They waited until President Trump was elected. I think that's very suspect and, and I. I will not allow the house to be drug into political gamesmanship.

25. **Reporter:** [Unintelligible] promises that Republicans made to voters over Jeffrey Epstein. Why not? More of a sense of urgency. Why not just hold a vote today?
26. **Johnson:** There, there's no point in having to vote today because the administration is already doing everything within their power to release them. They've gone to the grand jury, they've requested the courts. To unseal the documents so that they can be released. The president himself has said all credible evidence should be put out to the American people while protecting the innocent. That's where we stand as well. There's no point in in passing a resolution to urge the administration to do something that they are already doing, and so that's why we are gonna let that process play out. It, this, this is not out, out of, uh, out of fear in any way. What we're trying to do is maximize transparency and, and, uh, and stand for the truth. We want, wait, lemme say this very important. We want every single person who is involved in any way in the Epstein evils to be brought to swift justice. We want the, the full weight of the law to fall upon their head, and I will do everything within my power to make sure that it's possible. That process is underway right now, and we'll see how it plays out.
27. **Reporter:** Are you using the phrase that there's no daylight between you and the White House?
28. **Johnson:** Yeah.
29. **Reporter:** Don't you have a responsibility to build some daylight between you and the White House? You are a leader of a co-equal branch of government. Isn't part of what your members are concerned about?
30. **Johnson:** We're, we're,
31. **Reporter:** That there needs to be a second set of eyes.
32. **Johnson:** I, I'm, I'm, I'm the, I'm the leader of the most important branch of government in my view. It is article one. And if I see that Article one and our authority is being breached in any way, I'll act upon it. I'm a jealous guardian of our responsibility here, our constitutional authority and, and that most important branch of government, the, uh, and a government of by and for the people.
33. **Johnson:** But I will tell you this right now, when I, when I say there's no daylight between me and the president. We talk about this privately. He's spoken about it publicly. I have as well. He's trying to achieve the same exact objective that we are, that every member of the House Republican Conference wants to achieve, and that is to let the American people decide this.
34. **Johnson:** This information should have come out a long time ago. I've been an advocate of that. We all have, but that process is underway right now. Now we've gotta. Jealously guard that and protect it and make sure it's happening. And if it doesn't, then we'll take appropriate action when everybody returns here.
35. **Johnson:** But we have to allow the court process to play out. That's how it works. I used to be a litigator. There is a standard here, a legal standard that everybody cannot forget. The courts, law enforcement and government agencies have to protect the innocent.
36. **Johnson:** And the way you do that is you, you are very careful not to release names of victims or release it in a haphazard manner so that their names could be unmasked in some way 'cause it would destroy their lives and, and anybody who's been brought swept up into that. So that's what the Justice Department is doing. I think they're doing a, a deliberate job right now, and our job as the Article one branch is to allow the executive to do that. If it doesn't come to fruition, then we will act, but we have to allow that time to process.

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EXHIBIT A-4: Johnson Meet the Press Executive Coordination Admission July 27, 2025

1. **Newscaster:** Welcome back. Joining me now is House Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana. Speaker Johnson, welcome back to Meet the Press.
2. **Johnson:** Great to be with you.
3. **Newscaster:** Well, it is great to have you. You just heard my conversation with Congressman Massey, Congressman Kana, so let me. Start off with this question, why did you adjourn the house early and does it run the risk of feeding the perception that there's something to hide in the Epstein matter?
4. **Johnson:** Uh, look, these are all important questions. Let me be absolutely clear as we have been from the very beginning house, Republicans insist upon the release. Of all credible evidence and information related to Epstein in any way, but we are also insisting upon the protection of innocent victims, and our concern is that the Massey and Kana discharge petition is reckless in the way that it is drafted and presented. It does not adequately. Include those protections and I can explain all the details of that. What the important thing on the timing to answer that question first is that we did not do anything to end the, the term of Congress early. The, the Massey Conna discharge petition was filed so that it would not ripen until a day after Congress had previously been scheduled for almost a year to be outta session and in the district work period for August and that is the timing of it. So what we did do this week. Is end the chaos in the rules committee because the Democrats are trying to use this in a shameless manner for political pur purposes. Quite obviously, they hijack the rules committee and they tried to turn it into an Epstein hearing. That's not what the rules committee is about, so that's why the, uh, floor votes ended on Wednesday, set of Thursday.
5. **Johnson:** But the work of Congress continues and, and the schedule of Congress was published. Well over a year ago, December of 2024. So none of this was a surprise, and Conna and Massey could have brought their discharge petition a day earlier and prevented that, or as noted earlier, anytime over the last four years, they did not do it during the Biden administration and that's an important point. Uh, for everybody to note.
6. **Newscaster:** but Mr. Speaker, it's not just Republicans supporting this. It's uh, 11, not just Democrats, it's 11 Republicans as well. Let me just ask you, because I hear you saying that yes, the files should be made public while protecting the victims. Let me just ask you though, should all of the files related to Jeffrey Epstein be released and made public?
7. **Johnson:** Yes, I agree with President Trump, with the Department of Justice, with the FBI, that you need all credible evidence and information out there. That word credible is important and why? Because you have to protect. Innocent people's names and reputations, whose names might be, as you noted at the outset of the program, intertwined into all these files. This has been a long legal process. There's a reason, for example, that grand jury materials are protected under the Federal Rules of criminal, uh, procedure because they're, they're not to be put out. See, the, the Massey and Kana discharge petition would require the release. They would require the DOJ and FBI to release information that they know is false - That is based on lies and rumors and, and, and was not even credible enough to be entered into the court proceedings, and that would be a dangerous thing.
8. **Johnson:** Our main concern here though is the protection of the innocent victims. I mean, the, the, these are minors in many cases who are subjected to unspeakable crimes, abject evil. They've already suffered great harm. We do not name them, need their names being unmasked, the the Massey. And the, the kana discharge petition does not have adequate protections, for example, uh, in the way that it was drafted. They cite that they don't want child abuse, uh, sex abuse information, uh, uncovered, but they cite the wrong, uh, provision of the federal code,

and so it makes it unworkable. It, it, it requires the DOJ to release grand jury testimony. They are prohibited by law from doing so, so it is not the right approach. There is another approach out there. The house Republicans on the rules committee have a resolution that is well drafted, that is thoughtfully drafted by lawyers that would make this workable. That's the approach we have to protect the innocent. We'll do it at all costs.

9. **Newscaster:** They, they do say that they want victims' names redacted though, just to be clear, let me move on to Ghislaine Maxwell, the Deputy Attorney General.
10. **Johnson:** Yes. But their language doesn't adequately predict produ produce that. Yes. Go ahead.
11. **Newscaster:** Okay. Yeah. Let me move on to, uh, Ghislaine Maxwell. As, as you know, Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Attorney General's. Spent two days interviewing, uh, her. She, of course, has been convicted of grooming, recruiting, abusing young teenage girls, along with Jeffrey Epstein. Mr. Speaker Maxwell's attorney said she answered all questions honestly and truthfully, but do you think that Ghislaine Maxwell can be trusted?
12. **Johnson:** Well, I mean, look, it's a good question. I hope so. I, I hope that she would want to come clean. We certainly are interested in knowing everything that she knows. And as you'll note, in our house, Republican majority, we're working towards that. Chairman Comer and our oversight committee, uh, has already issued their own subpoena. They, they want to bring in, uh, Ghislaine Maxwell as well. I hope she's telling the truth. She is convicted. She is serving a 20 year sentence for child sex trafficking and so, uh, her character is in some question, but if she wants to come clean now, that would be a great service to the country and we'd like to know every single bit of information that she has. I certainly hope she's telling the truth.
13. **Newscaster:** Well listen, this week the President Trump didn't rule out a pardon for Ghislaine Maxwell. Of course, that's one of the big questions looming over all of this. So let me put this to you, Mr. Speaker. Would you support a pardon or a commutation for Ghislaine Maxwell, A convicted sex trafficker?
14. **Johnson:** Well, I mean, obviously that's a decision of the President. He said he had not adequately considered that I won't get in front of him. That's not my lane. My lane is to, uh, to, to help direct and control the House of Representatives and to use every tool within our arsenal to get to the truth. I'm gonna say this as clearly and plainly and repeatedly as I can over and over. We are for maximum disclosure. We want all transparency. I trust the American people. I and the House Republicans believe that they should have all this information to be able to determine what they will, but we have to protect the innocent, and that that's the only safeguard here that, that we've gotta, uh, be diligent about. And I'm, I'm insistent upon doing so.
15. **Newscaster:** Well, I, I guess my question is, are you open to a pardon or commutation? I mean, Mr. Speaker, the victims referred to Maxwell as Epstein's, right hand woman. Here's what one victim who testified under a pseudonym told the court at sentencing, quote, "the many acts that were perpetrated on me by Epstein, including rape, strangulation, and sexual assault were never consensual and would not have occurred had it not been for the cunning and premeditated role Ghislaine Maxwell played." Is that someone deserving of a pardon or commutation in any circumstance, Mr. Speaker?
16. **Johnson:** I, if you're asking my opinion, I think 20 years was a pittance. I think she should have a, a life sentence at least. I mean, think of all these unspeakable crimes and as you noted earlier, probably a thousand victims. I mean, uh, you know, this, this is, it's, it's hard to put into words how evil this was and that she orchestrated it and was a big part of it, uh, at, at least in under, under the criminal sanction, I think is an unforgivable thing. So, again, not my decision, but I have great pause about that as, as, as any reasonable person would.
17. **Newscaster:** Two more critical topics to get to with you, Mr. Speaker. Let's talk about the what has been called the big beautiful bill in June. You told me the bill would not cut Medicaid, but two Republican senators ultimately voted against it because of what they thought were cuts to Medicaid. And Senator Josh Hawley is already out proposing legislation to actually roll back some of the Medicaid cuts that he just voted for. Did the Medicaid cuts go too far, Mr. Speaker?

[End of Transcript]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9d-Kl6ur1U>

Date: July 17th, 2025

EXHIBIT A-5: Trump Criminal Associate Protection Admission August 1, 2025

[Interview begins with impertinent questioning for ~3 minutes]

1. **Finnerty:** Um, your Deputy Attorney General sat down with Ghislaine Maxwell for nine hours. I'm just wondering when the American people get to hear what she said during that interview.
2. **Trump:** Well, I don't know because I haven't spoken about it, but he's a very talented guy, Todd Blanche. And And a very straight shooter.
3. **Finnerty:** Yeah.
4. **Trump:** And I think he probably wanted to know, you know, just to get a feeling of it, because we'd like to release everything, but we don't want people to get hurt that shouldn't be hurt.
5. **Finnerty:** Yeah.
6. **Trump:** And I would assume that was why he was there. We, I wanna release everything. I just don't want people to get hurt. You can't have ah, people associated...first of all, the files were run by some very bad people and very sick people like Comey and, uh, Lisa, the whole group, you know, all those people in that office, they ran those files for four years and if they were gonna use the files, they would've used it before my election.
7. **Finnerty:** Right.
8. **Trump:** 'cause un, unless they're stupid, which to a certain extent they are stupid.
9. **Finnerty:** You're saying they would've released the information?
10. **Trump:** Well, they had the files, they control the files. Yes. They didn't control the files. They control the files for four years. So if they had something, they would've released it before the election because they are, uh, not geniuses, but you know, they're evil. A lot of evil people. Uh, so, uh, I, I can't really, uh, tell you much other than Todd went in. And I think he just wants to make sure that innocent people aren't hurt, but you'd have to speak to him about it.

[Interview continues with impertinent questioning]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oEsAoMM7Xc>

Date: August 1st, 2025

EXHIBIT A-6: Trump Victim Testimony

Authentication FOX July 29, 2025

[Interview begins with impertinent questioning for ~7 minutes]

1. **Reporter:** Mr. President, you said yesterday you're falling out with Jeffrey Epstein was over him taking some of the workers from your business, but your administration in the past said that you threw him out because he was a creep. So can you explain that discrepancy?
2. **Trump:** Well, maybe they're the same thing, you know, sort of a little bit of the same thing, but no, he took people that worked for me, and I told him, don't do it anymore. And he did it, and I, I, uh, said, stay the hell outta here.
3. **Another Reporter:** What did they do? [Speaking at the same time as original questioner] Go ahead. [defers to original questioner]
4. **Reporter:** So is that what you, what was meant by being who? [Trump interrupts question]
5. **Trump:** Who are you with?
6. **Reporter:** Me? Yeah. I'm with, I'm the travel pool, but I'm with NBC News.
7. **Trump:** NBC. NBC Fake news. Okay. NBC'S one of the worst. Uh, what else, uh, do you have?

[Interview continues with impertinent questioning for 15+ minutes]

8. **Reporter:** Mr. President, Epstein has a certain reputation, obviously. Just curious, were some of the workers that were taken from you, were some of them young women?
9. **Trump:** Were some of them...?
10. **Reporter:** Were some of them young women?
11. **Trump:** Uh, well, I don't want to say, but, uh, everyone knows the people that were taken and, uh, it was the concept of taking people that worked for me is bad. But, uh, that story's been pretty well out there. And the answer is yes. They were.
12. **Trump:** Yes. Yeah.
13. **Reporter:** What did they do?
14. **Trump:** in the spa.
15. **Reporter:** What was their jobs? In the spa?
16. **Trump:** Yeah. People that work in the spa, I have a great spa, one of the best spas in the world at Marla, and people were taken out of the spa. Hired by him, in other words, gone. And uh, other people would come and complain, this guy is taking people from the spa. I didn't know that. And then when I heard about it, I told him, I said, listen, we don't want you taking our people, whether it was spa or not spa. I don't want him taking people. And he was fine. And then not too long after that, he did it again. And I said, outta here, Mr. President
17. **Reporter:** Mr President, did one of those stolen, um, you know, persons, did that include Virginia Giuffre?
18. **Trump:** Uh, I don't know...I think she worked at the spa. I think so. I think that was one of the people. Yeah, he, he stole her. And by the way, she had no complaints about us, as you know, none whatsoever.

[Interview continues with impertinent questions]

Date: July 29th, 2025

EXHIBIT A-7: Trump Cabinet Meeting Deflection

July 9, 2025

1. **Reporter:** Um, uh, your memo and release yesterday on Jeffrey Epstein. Yes. It left some lingering mysteries of, one of the biggest ones is whether he ever worked for a American or foreign intelligence agency. Um, the former labor secretary who was, uh, Miami US attorney, um, Alex Koski of allegedly said that he did work for an intelligence agency. So could you resolve whether or not he did? And also could you say why there was a minute missing from the jailhouse tape. On the night of the seventh?
2. **Bondi:** Yeah, sure... [Trump interrupts]
3. **Trump:** If I can, Hey Pam, could I just interrupt for one second? Are you still talking about Jeffrey Epstein? This guy's been talked about for years.
4. **Bondi:** Sure.
5. **Trump:** Are you still talking about Jeffrey Epstein? This guy's been talked about for years. You're asking, we have Texas, we have this, we have all of the things, and are people still talking about this guy, this creep That is unbelievable. Do you wanna waste the time and [turns to Bondi] do you feel like answering?
6. **Bondi:** Sure. I, I don't mind answering further.
7. **Trump:** I mean, I can't believe you're asking a question on Epstein at a time like this, where we're. Having some of the greatest success and, and also tragedy with what happened in Texas. It just seems, uh, like a desecration, but you go ahead.
8. **Bondi:** Sure, sure. First to back up on that, in February I did an interview on Fox and it's been getting a lot of attention because I said, I was asked a question about the client list, and my response was, it's sitting on my desk to be reviewed, meaning the file along with the J-F-K, M-L-K files as well. That's what I meant by that. Also to the tens of thousands of video. They turned out to be child porn downloaded by that disgusting Jeffrey Epstein. Child porn is what they were never gonna be released. Never gonna see the light of day. To him being an agent: I have no knowledge about that. We can get back to you on that. And the minute missing from the video, we released the video showing definitively. The video was not conclusive, but the evidence prior to it was showing he committed suicide. And what was on that? There was a minute that was off the counter. And what we learned from Bureau of Prisons was every year, every um, night, they redo that video. It was old from like 1999, so every night the video is. Reset and every night should have the same minute missing. So we're looking for that video to release that as well, showing that a minute is missing every night. And that's it on Epstein.

[Transcription End]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8aINknwseE>

Date: July 9th, 2025

EXHIBIT A-8: Trump Implausible Cover Story Documentation

1. **Interviewer:** And people keep writing stories about the time he threw him (Epstein) outta Mar-a-Lago. What...can you settle that? What was it about? What caused the breach for him?
2. **Trump:** Uh, that's such old history. Uh, very easy to explain, but I don't wanna waste your time by explaining it. But for years, I wouldn't talk to Jeffrey Epstein. I wouldn't talk because he did something that was inappropriate. He hired help and I said, don't ever do that again. He stole people that work for me. I said, don't ever do that again. He did it again. And I threw him out of the place. Persona non grata. I threw him out and that was it. I'm glad I did. If you wanted know the truth.

Date: July 28, 2025

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfPnC0BBJyQ>

EXHIBIT A-9: Trump 2006 Recorded Youth Targeting Admissions

1. **Juliet:** My name is Juliet. I have a question. My question is, how many jets do you have and how do I apply to a flight attendant?

[Unintelligible], [Crowd Laughs while Trump motions for the Juliet to come on stage]

2. **Trump:** I think she's hired.

[Girl arrives on stage and they embrace]

3. **Trump:** Yeah, shes hired.
4. **Trump:** now I had a case, that is was very interesting. A beautiful girl who was 17 or 18 and probably could be a waitress is so beautiful. She's like a world class beauty. Like the young lady who just asked a question about the actress, she's so beautiful. And my people came, she said, Mr. Trump, she has no experience. So I interviewed her anyway 'cause she was so pretty and I said, let me ask you, do you have any experience? She goes, no, sir. I said, when can you start?

[Trump and Juliet embrace and Juliet begins to leave the stage]

5. **Trump:** You know, you can work on my plane anytime.

[Trump leans against the podium and watches her walk away]

6. **Trump:** See now she worked in my place, that's like a death wish for me. Right? That's like an alcoholic. I have many friends. They're wonderful people. They're alcoholics. You put scotch in front of her, it's like, this would be my form of alcoholism. Okay? Yes. Yes, ma'am...

[Transcription End]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/uhin2UN5Elc>

Date: 2006

EXHIBIT A-10: Trump Maxwell Prison Transfer Response August 5, 2025

1. **Reporter:** Thank you so much, president Trump. Uh, two questions for you. One, did you, were you aware of, and did you personally approve the prison transfer for Ghislaine Maxwell that your Justice department? I didn't know about it at all. No. I read about it just like you did. And do you believe that she's credible?
2. **Trump:** It's not a very uncommon thing. I do. You believe that she's credible to be listening to your Deputy Attorney General? Sat down with her recently. Well, he's, lemme tell you, he's a very talented man. His name is Todd Blanche. He's a very legitimate person, very high. Uh, I, I just a very highly thought of person, respected by everybody.
3. **Trump:** And, uh, I didn't talk to him about it, but I will tell you that, uh, whatever he asked would be totally appropriate. And it's not an uncommon thing to do that, of course. And I think he probably wants to make sure that, you know, people that. Should not be involved or aren't involved or not hurt by something that would be very, very unfortunate, very unfair to a lot of people.
4. **Trump:** But I will say this, uh, Todd Blanche is one of the most highly respected people you'll ever meet. So I know this, I didn't discuss it with him, but anything he talked about with her or the fact that he did that, not unusual, number one, and most importantly, is, uh, something that would be totally above board.

Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/05/politics/video/trump-ghislaine-maxwell-lead-digvid>

Date: August 5, 2025

EXHIBIT A-11: Trump Congressional Seat Entitlement Claims August 5, 2025

[Interview begins with introduction by CBS]

1. **CBS:** We start with the latest in Texas, though that's where Governor Greg Abbott is calling for the arrests of Texas Democrats who left the state in order to block a vote to redraw the congressional map there. President Trump is urging Texas Republicans to reshape the districts in order to flip five US House seats ahead of next year's midterms. The president said in a phone interview on CNBC this morning that his party is entitled to those seats.
2. **Trump over phone to CBS:** You notice they go to Illinois for safety, but that's all gerrymandered. Uh, California's gerrymandered. We should have many more seats in Congress in California. It's all gerrymandered. And we have an opportunity in Texas to pick up five seats. We have a really good governor and we have good people in Texas, and I won Texas. I got the highest vote in the history of Texas, as you probably know. And, uh, we are entitled to five more seats.

[Transcription End]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkvzCwgFobg>

Date: August 5, 2025

EXHIBIT A-12: Bondi Criminal Associate Protection Statement Nov 22, 2024

1. **Bondi:** If people in that report are still fighting to keep their names private, Sean, they have no legal basis to do so unless they're a child, a victim, or a cooperating defendant by some chance against some potential case against Glanine Maxwell. And I think Mark Geragos says a great criminal defense attorney will back that up as well.

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ivLCJNmZTJg>

Date: November 22, 2024

EXHIBIT A-13: Johnson CNN Intellectual Consistency Claims July 30, 2025

1. **Reporter:** In 2023, when you announced plans to publicly release thousands of hours of footage from the January 6th, 2021 Capitol attack, critics argued that it could be a safety risk because the footage detailed how rioters access the building and the routes lawmakers use to find safety. And you said in a statement at the time, quote, this decision will provide millions of Americans, criminal defendants, public interest organizations, and the media and ability to see for themselves what happened that day, rather than having to rely upon the interpretation of a small group of government officials. Now, obviously the Capitol attack and the Epstein sex trafficking scandal are two different things, but the principle of trusting a small group of government officials is the same. I think one of the problems people have is especially MAGA base people, MAGA Republicans, is that a small group of government officials entered into a sweetheart deal with Epstein in 2007, 2008. Uh, and then seemed to have been protecting a lot of the bad guys who availed themselves of these victims.
2. **Johnson:** Well, look, all I can say is we've been intellectually consistent about this whole thing. I want everything to come out about the Epstein evils that is possible to be released because the people that were involved in those unspeakable evil acts should be punished with the greatest severity of the law and it's, it should have happened a long time ago. So I'm, I'm. Fully in favor of that, we have to do it in a responsible manner. That's why we're intellectually consistent just with the J Six tapes. It is, we want people to draw their own own conclusions. Uh, but there's a couple of hours that were never released because it shows the secret exits, for example, in the Senate. Like that would be, uh, create a harm for people who serve in that body. Sure. We, we have to do it in a, in a responsible manner. But look, I'm pushing for aggressively for the full release of everything that is possible. And by the way, so is the president, he has said the same thing. We're using every mechanism within our power to do that and to do it as quickly as possible.

[End of Transcript]

Source: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/2s7_OuofdX4

Date: July 30, 2025

EXHIBIT A-14: Johnson KSDK Coordination Evidence July 16, 2025

1. **Johnson:** I have been, um, misquoted and misrepresented on all of that. Go watch the interview I did with Benny Johnson. I'm pretty clear. I mean, we're for transparency. I'm, I'm saying the same thing. I mean, you, you need to have all of. The, the, the credible information released for the American people to make their decision. We, we trust the American people and I, I know the president does as well. That's important principle to abide by here. What they have to do though, what the president has to do is, um, protect the innocent. I mean, there are, you know, whistleblowers and minors, names involved in, in things related to Epstein, obviously. And you can't, you gotta be careful not to, not to release that.

[End of Transcript]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5kKlf70s7s>

Date: July 16, 2025

EXHIBIT A-15: Vance Transparency Statement July 28, 2025

1. **Reporter:** Vice President Julie Carsite from the Associated Press, uh, I guess I'm gonna be that person. The, uh, there are some protestors outside accusing the GOP of protecting pedophiles and, um, we're wondering what you think or the reasons that US government should shield the, the client list of Epstein from the public and, um, what you have to say about any relevance to that here today?
2. **Vance:** Well, let me say just a couple of things. First of all, the president has been very clear. We're not shielding anything. The president has directed the Attorney General to release all credible information and frankly, to go and find additional, credible information related to the Jeffrey Epstein case. He's been incredibly transparent about that stuff. But some of that stuff takes time. You've gotta assemble that stuff. You've gotta compile that stuff. You've gotta redact some victims' names so that you protect the victims. But the president has been very clear. He wants pulled transparency. He's asked that from the Attorney General and I know, 'cause I talk to her all the time.
3. ****Vance:****The attorney general is hard at work on that issue right now. But, but I think I, I gotta make an observation that there's an interesting thing about this case that the American media seems to totally ignore. For four years under Joe Biden's Department of Justice, the media didn't give a damn about the Epstein files or about the Epstein case for literally 20 years the story about this scumbag, and he is a scumbag pedophile, Jeffrey Epstein, he's dead now, but for, for 20 years, you had Obama and George w Bush's Department of Justice go easy on this guy. They didn't fully investigate the case. They didn't show any curiosity about the case. And now Donald J. Trump. Is asking his Department of Justice to show full transparency, and somehow that's a criticism of Donald J. Trump and not Barack Obama and George W. Bush.
4. **Vance:** If you want to criticize the people who aren't showing full transparency, you ought to go after the administrations. That went easy on Jeffrey Epstein, the administrations that concealed this case for 20 years, and the administrations that failed to show full transparency. Donald J. Trump. I'm telling you, he's got nothing to hide. His administration has got nothing to hide, and that's why he's been an advocate for full transparency. In this case, he's gonna keep on being an advocate for full transparency. But while we're focused on that case, Donald J. Trump is also worried about making sure these great workers get more, take home pay and better jobs, and that's the focus of the administration. Thank you.

Source: <https://www.nbcchicago.com/video/news/national-international/vance-trump-full-transparency-epstein-investigation/3799268/>

Date: July 28, 2025

EXHIBIT A-16: Trump/Vance Hoax Declaration

August 7, 2025

1. **Reporter:** Is Vice President Vance hosting a gathering this evening to talk about how to respond to the Epstein situation.
2. **Trump:** Is he working on, what?
3. **Reporter:** Is he hosting Some kind of gathering of top advisors this evening to talk about how to respond to the Epstein situation?
4. **Trump:** I don't know. I could ask you that question. I don't know of it, but I think, uh, I, I, here's the man, right?
5. **Vance:** I saw a reporter today and it's completely fake news. We're not meeting to talk about the Epstein situation, and I think the reporter who reported it needs to get better for.
6. **Trump:** Look, the whole thing is a hoax. It's put out by the Democrats because we've had the most successful six months in the history of our country, and that's just a way of trying to divert attention to something that's total bullshit.

[End Transcription]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISjerjP0Hc>

Date: August 7, 2025

EXHIBIT A-17: Bondi Redaction Discussion

February 27, 2025

1. **Reporter:** We're here with, and I'm very excited about this Attorney General Pam Bond, a good friend, especially good friend of my wife, and a wonderful lady, a great lawyer. Uh, welcome to the program, Madam Attorney General. I want to get into this Epstein thing a little bit. I think the American people are very curious about who's on this list or these lists. You have been doggedly trying to get all the information, and now we learn thanks to you, uh, that you've been stonewalled, uh, by people in New York. Do you wanna explain that?
2. **Bondi:** Yes, mark. So as you know, we released, um, about 120 pages of documents and I started asking for these documents. Right when I came into office and before Cash Patel was in there. So I ended up getting about 120 pages. We carefully redacted them, of course, to be sure. The 254 young girls, women who are victims of sex crimes and sex trafficking, their personal information was redacted and out of there to protect them. So I'm going through it and I kept saying, there has to be more. There has to be more. I'm assured that's it. Cash. Ask the same questions. Assured there's no more. Last I, I found out, you know, this week that a source told me, New York, SDNY, they're sitting on thousands of pages of documents regarding Epstein. Thousands. Thousands. And of course, you've seen the very strong letter. We will get everything. We will have it in our possession. We will redact it, of course, to protect grand jury information and confidential witnesses. But the American people have a right to know, and Donald Trump is the most transparent president in our nation's history. So not only will America get the full Epstein files, they will get JFK, they will get Martin Luther King.

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSuXFkF_dGc

Date: Feb 27, 2025

EXHIBIT A-18: Duffy Transportation Committee Testimony July 16, 2025

1. **Ryan:** A little bit off topic but clearly given your new promotion, additional portfolio at NASA, you're a trusted member of the Presidents cabinet, you have his trust. Will you commit and this has been asked by a lot of my constituents: Will you commit at the next cabinet meeting to a fulsome conversation in front of the American people, on the release of the Epstein files?
2. **Duffy:** Uh, listen, I, um.
3. **Ryan:** yes or no, please, Mr. Duffy
4. Sean **Duffy:** Mr. Well, I, I guess I, I don't know. I don't know all the data on it. I would..
5. **Ryan:** just to a conversation?
6. **Duffy:** I'm, I'm not trying to dodge you. I, if I was at FBI or DOJ and I, I knew more. I know there's, I know some of the background on why some has not been released, but I gotta leave that to Pam Bondi and Cash Patel. Um,
7. **Ryan:** you wouldn't just open up to a conversation, Mr. Secretary?
8. **Duffy:** Well, I, I guess I would say
9. Rya: To say that the American people who've been promised this, deserve transparency?
10. **Duffy:** I don't have, I, listen, I agree with transparency, but I, I, I think it's also important to know if I, if, if there's child videos in there, do I want that released? Full transparency? No, I don't. I wanna protect those kids. Or if there is, um, if, if you flew with Epstein to Epstein Island and then
11. **Ryan:** I certainly did not.
12. Duffy and then you flew on to get on a, a, a boat to sail in, in The Bahamas. Um, should I...make by accusation the fact that you were just on the plane. I think we gotta be smart about how we do it, what's what's gonna be released. But I do believe in transparency. I believe that
13. **Ryan:** I just have to tell you the number of calls I've gotten in my colleagues in a bipartisan way, calling for transparency from administration that promised this.
14. ****Duffy:**** I agree, I
15. **Ryan:** I just urge you to consider It Mr. Secretary
16. **Duffy:** I agree with transparency and I
17. Chair: Gentlemen its time has expired.
18. **Duffy:** believe in Pam Bondi Cash Patel and Dan Bonino. Uh, again, uh, I think the right has probably been more vocal than the left on this issue. Maybe equally,
19. **Ryan:** it's my constituents. It's not any left or right. I know. I hear you. I know
20. Chair: Gentleman's its time has expired. Mr. Taylor, you're recognized.
21. **Duffy:** It's outta my space.

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q-T2etg8n0>

Date: July 16, 2025

Exhibit: A-19 Trump Claims Epstein as a Hoax July 16, 2025

[Interview begins with irrelevant questioning]

1. **Reporter:** I know you want move past all this intrigue over the Epstein files, but I do wanna ask you to clarify something you said this morning. You said this was all a hoax. Has your attorney General [Trump interrupts: big hoax], told you this was a hoax? What evidence have you seen of that?
2. **Trump:** It's not the attorney general. No, I know it's a hoax. It says started by Democrats. It's been run by the Democrats for four years. You had Christopher Ray and these characters and Comey before him. And, uh. It's a bad group. It started actually look at the Steele dossier that turned out to be a total hoax. The 51 agents, the intelligence, so-called intelligence agents. It was a hoax. Uh, it's all been a big hoax. It's perpetrated by the Democrats and some stupid Republicans and foolish Republicans fall into the net, and so they try and do the Democrats work.
3. **Trump:** Uh, the Democrats are good for nothing other than these oakes. They're bad for policy. Uh, they're bad for. Picking candidates that can get elected like in, uh, New York. We have a communist running. He may get elected too, actually, but he's going to, he'll destroy the city. Uh, no, no. It's, uh, I call it the Epstein hoax.
4. **Trump:** Takes a lot of time and effort instead of talking about the great achievements we've had. A great gentleman, uh, yesterday, as you know, went on CNBC, and he made the statement that Trump may go down as the greatest president of all and. The United States, and instead of talking about the things we've achieved, we've had tremendous achievement. They're wasting their time with, uh, a guy who obviously had some very serious problems, who died three, four years ago. Uh, I'd rather talk about the success we have with the economy, the best we've ever had, and all of the things we've done, including the Middle East. I mean, you see it. Instead, they want to talk about the, uh, Epstein hoax. And the sad part is it's. People that are really doing the Democrats work. They're stupid people.

[Interview continues with irrelevant questioning]

5. **Trump:** That's one of the reasons that inflation's in check. When you can do that, you stop the inflation. What Biden did is he ended our policies went to his policies with He doesn't have a policy.
6. **Trump:** Some lunatic around the desk had a policy. Whoever operated the autopen had a policy, which is, by the way, I think the biggest scandal, that's the scandal they should be talking about, not uh Jeffrey Epstein. The scandal you should be talking about is the autopen because I think it's the biggest scandal, one of them, in American history.
7. **Trump:** So the economy so the economy is doing really well and uh people are seeing it.
8. **Trump:** Yeah.
9. **Reporter:** Mr. President, will you ask Attorney General Pam Bondi to release more documents to finally put this controversy to bed? Yeah. Whatever is credible, she can release. If a document is credible, if a document's there that is credible, she can release. I think it's I think it's good. But but it's just really it's just a subject. He's dead. He's gone.
10. **Trump:** And uh all it is is the Republicans, certain Republicans got duped by the Democrats and they're following a Democrat uh playbook and no different when than Russia, Russia, Russia and all the other hoaxes. They're they're

started by the Democrats and some Republicans in this case, I was surprised, but uh they got duped.

11. **Reporter:** But have you talked about it? Have you talked about it? Have you talked about it with her
12. **Reporter:** First of all, remember your high ranking officials, whether it's been your your FBI director or Pam Bondi, they have made some inconsistent statements in the past. You've had [Trump interrupts]
13. **Trump:** Well, I don't know. I can't speak about him, but I can say that Pam Bondi I really think that she's done very good.
14. **Trump:** She says, I gave you all the credible information, and if she finds any more credible information, she'll give that, too. What more can she do than that? I mean, honestly, what more can she do?
15. **Trump:** And we do have bigger problems. You know, we have problems with millions of illegal people that came in here and they're killers and murderers. We have 11,888 murderers that were allowed in to our country by Biden. Sleepy Joe Biden. Stupid Joe Biden. He allowed them into our country.
16. **Trump:** And you know what? We got to do something about She's got a lot of things she's working on. And uh you know, it's it's very sad that somebody can be way laid. They just get way late. But she's she's I think she's doing a great job.
17. **Reporter:** President special this morning. Um you mentioned past supporters when you were talking about the the Epstein issue. Does that mean that you're effectively disowning any supporters who are now lost a lot of faith in certain people?
18. **Trump:** Yeah. I lost because they got duped by the Democrats. The Democrats are good for nothing. They've done a terrible job. They almost destroyed our country.
19. **Trump:** If I didn't get elected, all these numbers you're hearing about, they found 25 billion dollars and another 25 is coming in and hundreds of billions of dollars is pouring into our country and we just got the biggest tax cut in history. We just got the biggest regulation cuts in history. There'll be no tax on tips. There'll be no tax on social security. There'll be no tax on overtime.
20. **Trump:** There'll be no tax on so many other things. You're allowed to deduct your interest from a car payment. That's never happened before. You borrow interest. You borrow money to buy a car if you if the car is made in America.
21. **Trump:** And by the way, factories are being built all over America. Car factories, AI factories, but you get a deduction on your interest. Nobody ever thought of that before. Never happened before. And you know, these are the things that they should be talking about.
22. **Trump:** The big beautiful bill is one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever in this country. And the Democrats have nothing to combat it. So they say, "Oh, it's death." Death. Oh, that's good.
23. **Trump:** And then they give it to the fake news, which is you and a few others. And the fake news talks about the bill is death. The bill is actually life. The bill is life and it saves our country. This bill is incredible. Look at the results already. So we have 16 trillion dollars being invested in our country. And this great gentleman and his family just came in with another billions of dollars.
24. **Trump:** And if he didn't like the country, if he didn't like where we were going, he's very smart. He wouldn't he'd come, maybe he'd come, maybe he wouldn't even come. I think maybe he wouldn't even come. He'd save your time, but you know, it's one of those things. But, uh, if he didn't like where this country was, he wouldn't be investing billions of dollars in this country. But think of it, \$16 trillion, more than has ever been even contemplated before. And we haven't even started yet.
25. **Trump:** So that's what I want to talk about. I want to talk about the success. And the Democrats have nothing to show for what they do. They almost destroyed. They allowed 25 million people to come into our country. Gang members, jailbirds from all over the world, not South America, from all over the world. They allowed them to come into our country from mental institutions, insane asylum, just walk right through. They couldn't come into your country. They couldn't come into any country in the world except our country. And they came in from the worst places. Gang members, drug dealers. They all came in.

[Trump signals to someone behind camera view]

26. **Trump:** Turn it off, please.

27. **Trump:** They all came in and I'm doing something about it. We have it under check right now. We got rid of a lot of the murderers already. Some of them we put in our prisons because they're so bad. We don't want to take a chance in putting them in a foreign prison, have them come back. But uh we've done a great job. Our country is in great shape. We we literally have the hottest country anywhere in the world right now. And it's true what the king said, what a lot of people said. We were a dead country one year ago. One year ago, we were a dead country. We were laughed at all over the world. We had Afghanistan with that horrible embarrassment. Most most embarrassing moment in the history of our country. Look what happened with Russia and Ukraine. That should have never happened. Look what happened with Israel. That would have never happened. Hamas had no money. Iran had no money. There was no money to do an attack like that. All these things that happened that wouldn't have happened if you had good leadership. And that's what you should be talking about. Thank you very much everybody.

28. **Trump:** Guys another day.

29. **Reporters:** Thank you

[Transcript End]

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Date: July 16, 2025

Exhibit A-20: President Trump Makes an Announcement August 22 2025

1. **Reporter:** The department is also sending, um, some of the Epstein files over to the House Oversight Committee today. Are you...
2. **Trump:** [interrupts] That's okay.
3. **Reporter:** [continues] Are you in support of them releasing all of them...
4. **Trump:** [interrupts] I'm in support of Keeping it open
5. **Reporter:** [continues] if they wanted to release...
6. **Trump:** [interrupts] people shouldn't be hurt, but I'm in support of keeping it totally open. I couldn't care less.
7. **Trump:** You got a lot of people that it could be mentioned, those files. Don't deserve to be, you know, people. 'cause he knew everybody in Palm Beach. I don't know anything about that, but I have said to Pam and everybody else, give them everything you can give them because it's a, it's a Democrat hoax. That's just a hoax. The whole Epstein thing is a Democrat hoax.
8. **Trump:** So we had the greatest six months, seven months in the history of the presidency, and the Democrats don't know what to do. So they keep bringing up that stuff, but it affected them. Uh, the, uh, bill Clinton was on his plane and went to the island supposedly 28 times. I don't wanna bring that up, frankly.
9. **Trump:** Uh, you have, uh, Larry, whatever his name is, summers the head of Harvard, who was Jeffrey Epstein's best friend. Nobody ever talks about that. I mean, I, but I don't want to hurt Larry Summers, but he was best friends with Jeffrey Epstein.
10. **Trump:** Now, this is a democratic hoax to try and get the, uh, the significance of what we've done over the past seven months. Nobody's ever seen anything like it. They say it's number one in history, what we've done, including stopping seven wars. I mean, just include that.
11. **Trump:** And now you look and now you look at the stock market today, it's way up. To start off with, from where I took it and this market was gonna crash. If Joe Biden or Kamala were president of this market, would've, we would've had a crash like in 1929. You're not gonna have that. It's only a question of how high is it gonna go. You know, I had the strongest economy in the history of our country, and despite COVID, we had the strongest economy in the history of our country and we're gonna blow it away this time. I was always good at making a lot of money.
12. **Trump:** And, uh, whether it was for myself or whether it was, I like doing it this way better. I mean, I like, I like making it for the country. Our country's been ripped off by friend and foe nations all over the world ripped off. And the friends have been much worse than the foes for the most part. And, uh, they're not ripping us off.
13. **Trump:** We just signed a deal with the European Union. They're paying us essentially \$950 billion, like a signing fee. They're gonna buy \$750 billion worth of energy. They weren't buying much of our energy there. And they're be, they're very smart in doing it. And as you know, Ursula was here a couple of days ago having to do with the people, the leaders that we, we had a great people, said they've never seen anything like it. Well, we had the leaders of Europe right here in the Oval Office, and she's so happy that she has an agreement, but people aren't ripping us anymore. We're run by, uh, this country is run by smart people.
14. **Reporter:** Now, president Israel, two questions. One is that Intel reports. Stake in Intel. Can you tell about About the 10%?
15. **Trump:** About the 10%?
16. **Reporter:** Yeah.

17. **Trump:** I met a man who was a very nice man and I called for his removal because I saw something by a man named Tom Cotton, a senator from Arkansas is a great guy, friend of mine, supporter of mine, big support. I was a supporter of his team and he wrote a pretty nasty, uh, story about the head of Intel.
18. **Trump:** And I said, well, if that's right, he should resign. And he came and he. Uh, saw me. We talked for a while. I liked him a lot. I thought he was very good. I thought he was somewhat a victim, but you know, nobody's a total victim, I guess. And, uh, I said, you know what? I think the United States should be given 10% of intel. I, and he said, I would consider that. I say, well, I'd like you to do that because, uh, Intel's been left behind as you know, compared to. Uh, Jensen and some of our friends, Nvidia, some of the people and the people in 'cause Intel should have never been, Intel was the biggest, most powerful chip company in the world. And then, uh, they started leaving and they started going to foreign countries, in particular Taiwan. And if we had a president that would've said, okay, you can go to Taiwan, but we're gonna put a 100% tariff, or 200 or 300 or a 500% tariff. Anybody that sells into the United States has to pay. They wouldn't have left. They would've never left, and we wouldn't have. So in the meantime, we had people that were, in some cases, good politicians that weren't good on trade. I loved that man, but he was not good on trade. I totally disagreed. He allowed the car industry to be taken out of this country, lost 50% of our car industry. But that's all coming back. It's all coming back. But if somebody would've said that with Intel would be a giant right now. Now with that, they've had some bad management over the years and And they got lost and I said, I think you should pay us 10% of your company. And they said, yes, that's about \$10 billion for the, I don't get it. This comes to the United States of America. And I said, I think it would be good having the United States as your father. He agreed and they've agreed to do it, and I think it's a great deal for them. And I think it's a great deal. He walked in wanting to keep his job and he ended up giving us \$10 billion for the United States.
19. **Trump:** So we picked up 10 billion. And we do a lot of deals like that. I'll do more of 'em if somebody has, like we have, uh, restrictive covenants with, uh, Jensen, we have it's Nvidia and to Unrestrict. The cover had nothing to do with losing our, our powers or military or anything. 'cause that I wouldn't. It, but there are things you can do that don't affect us, that actually help us. And if we're gonna give somebody a free out a restricted covenant, we have a strong restrictive covenant on certain industries, and I will absolutely give somebody a opening on a restrict to do a lot of business, which is good for us as long as it doesn't hurt us in a security or military way. And if I do that, I think the country should be paid because anybody else, I have it in real estate where I'll have a deal with somebody and I'll have them, uh, restrictive covenant. Then they'll come back and they'll say, I'd love to be able to build over here, but I'm not allowed to because you have me covered. You have me restricted. I say, I'll let you build over there, but pay me a lot of money. No different. But the co, the country never did it because the country was run by foolish people.

[Press Conference continues with irrelevant questioning]

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Date: August 22, 2025

Exhibit A-21 Johnson Discusses HR1, Energy Dominance and Advent Ai in Idaho August 26 2025

[Interview begins with introduction inside Malaleuca Idaho Production Center]

1. **Johnson:** We just passed the one big beautiful bill, the the working families tax cut. And it's so important for so many sectors of the economy and for every American family because in that one big bill, the reason we called it that, it's aptly named because not only do we secure the border, not only we do we ensure American energy dominance again, not only do we work on the principles of peace through strength by our investments there, but we included the largest tax cuts in US history as well as the largest spending largest spending cut at the same time.
2. **Johnson:** But there's tax incentives for businesses for people who are investing in their facilities and growing their manufacturing facilities, adding more jobs, adding more employees, so many benefits in that progrowth economy, so many benefits in the policies we put in the legislation are going to help companies like Melleuca grow even more. And it will allow wages to rise all across the country and more opportunity for more people. Uh we're super excited about that. Republicans in Congress worked really hard on that.
3. **Johnson:** President Trump was delighted to sign it into law. I think symbolically on Independence Day, July 4th, and people are going to see the great effects of that. I brought a couple of stats here about specifically what the big beautiful bill will do for Idaho. Um, you know, a couple of highlights. We make permanent, of course, the path pass through deduction for small businesses and the deductions for research and development and investing in plant property and equipment management. That's going to be a big thing for companies like this.
4. **Johnson:** Uh, we invest, of course, in unleashing American energy dominance, I mentioned. And what that will do for a company like Melleuca, it was it will Meluca it was will lower fuel cost. It's going to help them drive the products they manufacture cheaper and get them out distributed all over the region, all over the country. Uh, additionally for companies like Micron, of course, that represents responsible I think they have 17,000 jobs in Boise alone.
5. **Johnson:** Um, we've extended the tax credit for manufacturing semiconductor chips. And that's going to help people this state and it's going to help America uh maintain our our status as the last great superpower.
6. **Johnson:** But real quickly for Idaho, the one big beautiful bill delivers the the following results. Real wage increases are estimated to be between 3,600 and \$6,400 per individual. Real take-home pay increase between 7200 and 10,200 for the average family in Idaho. 5% of workers in this state will benefit from the no tax on tips provision, which is really popular. 300,000 seniors in this state are going to benefit from the tax reductions, a new credit we gave them on social security. 68% of workers in Idaho can benefit from the no tax on overtime provision we put in the bill. We protected an estimated 35,000 jobs with this legislation. 41,000 employers are potentially eligible for the 199A deduction. and we supported 28 opportunity zones in Idaho and created that have already created about 4,000 jobs. So, this is real common sense legislation for real people. It's going to make a real difference in real people's lives and we're excited to deliver it and I'm always excited to visit. It's my second trip here. I'm always fascinated uh to see what what all is going on and I'm I'm so grateful uh to to the Vanderloot family and everyone who uh host us here so graciously.
7. **Johnson:** So, any questions anybody have? I'll be happy to answer.
8. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.
9. **Reporter:** Specifically what makes Eastern Idaho important as one of your stops.

10. **Johnson:** There's a lot going on here. There's been a lot of growth. We were talking about the growth just in the the uh the municipality here. I think the population went from 50,000 to 60,000 people just in recent years because people are drawn to the opportunity and the growth that they see. And so what we see as our responsibility in Congress is to help fuel that as much as possible to add to that and to allow uh more of it because that that makes America strong. And we all know that a strong America is good for the whole world and our economic policy is a big piece of that.
11. **Johnson:** So we love what's happening in in Idaho. It's a great state with great people. They're hardworking folks. They're traditionally minded. They just want a good opportunity and we should do everything we can to foster that and give them that. So that's exciting.
12. **Johnson:** Mr. Speaker, one of the backbones we have here in Idaho is agriculture, specifically the dairy industry. A lot of uh Republican farmers have been coming to journalists with their concerns about well it's no secret that they relied heavily on on labor to keep operating. At the same time, we have seen success with the stronger deportation policies and the tighter border security. How do you see Congress balancing the need to secure the border and enforce those policies with concerns of Idaho farmers who do need that labor? And in some cases it has been undocumented.
13. **Johnson:** Yeah, it's very important question. I come from a big a district down in Louisiana myself. I've got one of the biggest a districts in the country and we have a lot of cattle as well and and and lots of row crops and and and the rest. Um there there does balance is the right word. We have to maintain the rule of law. We have to ensure that federal immigration policy and federal law is being enforced. And to be frank, for four years under the Biden Harris administration, it clearly wasn't. They opened the border wide and it led to all sorts of chaos. And so we had by some estimates about 20 million illegal immigrants came across that border, illegal aliens uh over the course of four years. And so it made the issue politically toxic. At the same time, we recognize that in some of these sectors like agriculture, like uh the construction industry, hospitality, we're reliant upon migrant hands, migrant workers to come in. And these people abide by the law because if you come on a worker visa and you abide by the law, you do the job and then you go back home. We we have to foster that kind of thing.
14. **Johnson:** Some of these industries will clearly not survive without that agriculture being chief among them. So, Congress has to work through this. We we we have to apprehend and deport immediately all the dangerous criminal illegal aliens, which is the focus of the administration and Congress. And as it's happening, by some estimates, there's about 1.4 million clearly truly dangerous people roaming the streets of America. Um, I don't know the latest numbers, but I'm told we're maybe close to 300,000 of those have been apprehended and sent home already. So there's more work to do, but we also have to deincevize illegal border crossing. And we have there were almost literally zero illegal crossings over the border over the last month. It's an incredible thing to even comprehend. Uh but now we've got to deal with what we do with the sectors these sectors of the economy and how we handle that. And there's a lot of ideas on the table and Congress is working through it. There's a lot of work to be done. I think that should be bipartisan because everybody recognizes the same needs and um and we got to do right by those who are providing the jobs and and needing those hands. Uh so we'll we'll see how that shakes out. But it's it's a central focus for Congress and the White House and uh we'll figure it out.
15. **Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.
16. **Reporter:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Um OB3 and by extent this administration has emphasized domestic energy production as like a keystone of policy. I'm really curious to know um with Idaho National Laboratories being um you know very close to us and a major employer in this area. Um I'm curious to know if we could expect any direction or emphasis toward it as a uh renewable energy and also nuclear uh energy producer.
17. **Johnson:** Yeah, I'm I'm very bullish on nuclear energy and I I we're we're all the above uh you know philosophy. Um I'm from the state of Louisiana so we're a we're a big heavily reliant oil and gas state. Of course, uh, liquified natural gas is one of the biggest exports we have as a nation, and we've just expanded that with our European allies and others around the globe. So, that will be great for the economy. But energy policy is equates to national security policy. It's the same. If you have a vibrant energy economy, then you can not only supply your own needs,

you can export it to other countries. And it is a big factor in our superiority, our dominance as the world's last great superpower.

18. **Johnson:** So, um, we we have to do all that. A lot of what we eliminated in the big beautiful bill was what the president likes to call the green new scam, right?
19. **Johnson:** There were some things that were done that were being heavily subsidized by American taxpayers and we felt like it was unjust. And so we're winding down some of those uh tax credits and subsidies at the same time that we're ramping up energy production in other ways. And uh that's necessary because one of the things that is adding to this is the advent of AI and the tremendous amount of energy that will be needed to supply that and ensure that we stay on the front edge dominant over China and other adversaries on that issue as well.
20. **Johnson:** So we need more energy production than we've ever had before. In fact, we need it as a factor of five or so. So uh there you'll see a lot of that. The data centers are being built around the country and and um to try to supply those needs, but we need to tap every resource we we can. So stay tuned on I think there'll be a lot more developments and it's something that's also um of big interest to Congress.
21. **Johnson:** Maybe time for one more. Is that okay?

[Transcript continues with a question on wildfires and then ends]

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Date: August 26, 2025

Exhibit A-22: Mike Johnson HR1 Vote Speech

[Transcript begins with irrelevant topics]

1. **Johnson:** Today, we are making the dream of a government that puts the American people first. A reality. A reality.
2. **Johnson:** I would need this entire notebook to tell you all the great things in the big, beautiful bill. It is aptly named, but I'll just tell you a couple of the highlights. Record tax cuts for hard work in Americans.
3. **Johnson:** Historic savings at the same time to end reckless spending. We got energy dominance coming back to power. Our future. We have a secure border to protect American families. We have a strong military to restore peace through strength, and we have a government. That is now accountable and responsive to the people. Once again, that's what we are delivering.
4. **Johnson:** For everyday Americans, this means real positive change that they can feel and they will feel much more when this bill is done. Families back home will have real relief, an average of \$10,000 in their pockets thanks to the largest working and middle class tax cut. And the history of this great nation, that's what we're doing today.
5. **Johnson:** You got hardworking Americans like our waiters and our bellhops. And our hairstylists. They're gonna keep 100% of their tips and overtime pay. That is money they earned. It does not belong to the government. It belongs to them, and they deserve to keep it. Yeah. Small businesses that wanna build and expand new factories, you know what they could do now they can write off 100% of their investment. That will have us a lot more building. Young families who wanna buy a home will be able to, thanks to historic savings that will put our country on a stronger financial footing. Pregnant women, children, seniors, single mothers, the disabled in the low income Americans among us receiving Medicaid and Snap will have the peace of mind of knowing. That we've made these safety nets stronger with our reforms.
6. **Johnson:** See, when Republicans are in charge, we bring common sense. We're gonna make sure that Americans who do need and deserve those critical programs won't have to compete against people who can work, but choose not to do so. That's not right.
7. **Johnson:** This bill is going to put fairness back in the system. We are returning to common sense. We're returning to. What is good and decent that people know in their hearts, and that's why they support it. More Americans will be working, volunteering, and serving their communities because modest common sense work requirements will restore dignity and purpose to those on taxpayer funded benefits.
8. **Johnson:** The bill will also mean that safer streets are available in every zip code around the country. Because our border will remain fully and totally secure.
9. **Johnson:** The Republican Party stands for Law and Order, and this is the side that stands with law enforcement, the brave men and women who are on the front line.
10. **Johnson:** The idea that those who put their own lives on the line to protect us would be assaulted for doing their jobs is unconscionable Law Enforcement. I know you agree. I know. Amen. Law enforcement. Law enforcement will have the help of a border wall. Now that's 100% complete. Yeah.
11. **Johnson:** Our immigration enforcement officers will get a boost from more manpower and resources and detention space so that detained illegal aliens are not released back into the streets like they were for the last four years, and our homeland can rest soundly again. Under the protection of President Trump's Golden Dome, that's what we're investing in.

[Transcript continues with irrelevant topics to end]

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Date: July 3, 2025

Exhibit A-23: Mike Johnson Claims Rule Committee Debacle July 18 2025

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1. **Johnson:** The rules, uh, committee, uh, turned into a bit of a debacle this week because the Democrats were trying to politicize this. We were working on cutting, uh, fraud, waste, and abuse and, and, uh, wasteful spending. And they kept trying to hijack that and, and derail it and turn it into Epstein hearings. That's not what, what the subject was.
2. **Johnson:** So, uh, the Republicans on the Rules committee, most of them. That were present voted against Democrat amendments to try to hijack that that was the right, uh, thing for them. They were wrongfully tarred and feathered by people who did not understand what was happening and said that they were covering up for, uh, they were in favor of a concealing Epstein files.
3. **Johnson:** It's simply not true. So the resolution that was advanced tonight and the, uh, rules committee was for them to go on record and say, no, of course we're for transparency. Of course, every single one of the Republicans on the rules committee. Or for transparency and for releasing the files just as the president of the United States is.
4. **Johnson:** And they wanted that to make crystal clear. Make it crystal clear. I think their vote tonight did.

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Date: July 18, 2025

Exhibit A-24: Mike Johnson Post Epstein Victim Conference 090225

1. **Johnson:** Uh, good afternoon everyone. We just spent more than, than two hours with six of the Epstein victims, some of the bravest women I've ever met. They're very courageous. They shared their stories. Some of the ladies have shared these stories publicly before, but at least two of the women had never told their stories before. One for the very first time in the room. And so, uh, there were tears in the room. There was outrage. It was both. I would describe it as heartbreaking and infuriating that justice has been delayed, uh, so long.
2. **Johnson:** Uh, some of the women in the room began to be groomed by Epstein and his accomplices, Ghislaine Maxwell and the others. 30 years ago, some of the, there were, there were four attorneys in the room. Some of them began civil litigation against Epstein and the Epstein evils and everything associated with it 20 years ago. This has gone on for a long, long time, and. They, they shared their stories. They shared how these brave young women's Epstein and his accomplices stole their innocence, uh, stole their very lives in some cases, stole their hopes and dreams and aspirations and, and ruined them in so many ways.
3. **Johnson:** But they came forward courageously to share their, their thoughts and, and their hopes, and the House Oversight Committee and. That the house itself, that we would do this in a bipartisan fashion and seek those answers, and we will, they are owed that there may be as many as a thousand victims. Think of it, hundreds and hundreds of young women who some of us imagined seated behind these six women. One of, one of the, uh, members in the committee said that, that they speak for all of them, and it's been long, long overdue.
4. **Johnson:** So the objective here is not just to. Uncover, investigate the Epstein evils, but also to ensure that this never happens again. And ultimately to find out why justice has been delayed for these ladies for so very long.
5. **Johnson:** It is inexcusable and it will stop now because the Congress is dialed in on this.
6. **Johnson:** Um, I'm very grateful for the leadership of, uh, chairman James Comer of the House Oversight Committee, who's with me here, and he's done an extraordinary job. August was a very busy. District work period for so many members of Congress who were out fanned out across the country and their districts doing town halls and business round tables and constituent services, but, but our house oversight committee was working all along on their subpoenas and I'll, I'll let him recount for you some of the great work that has already been done, but 34,000 Epstein documents have already been collected. We will not stop there. This is the beginning and not the end, and they're going through very carefully because we have two ultimate objectives here. We wanna bring justice to every single person who is involved in the Epstein evils of the coverup thereof.
7. **Johnson:** But we also want to be equally certain that we protect the innocent victims. Many of these young women, some of them are now middle aged women have never come forward. We do not want their names or identities to be uncovered, uh, carelessly or intentionally in any way.
8. **Johnson:** And so the House Oversight Committee in a bipartisan fashion is combing through these documents to ensure. They will redact only the information related to the innocent victims themselves.
9. **Johnson:** Themselves. We cannot be involved in subjecting them to any more harm. Uh, with that, I want to yield to our, our very able and very busy chairman for all the great work he's been doing, uh, Jamie Comer.
10. **Comer:** Well, thank you Mr. Speaker. I'll just give a quick update. Uh, I think everyone knows who all we've subpoenaed thus far. Uh, in the initial batch, we subpoenaed, uh, six former attorneys general as well as, uh, the, uh, bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton. We've expanded that to Alex Acosta Acosta's coming in, I believe, September the 19th, 16th or 19th. We've got that date down. I know that, uh, we'll have a lot of questions for him. Uh, with respect to, uh, an earlier Epstein uh, prosecution that, that he was involved in when he was US Attorney. Uh, we, we have

the documents, the initial batch that had been sent by the White House. Uh, as you know, we also subpoenaed Pam Bondy for those documents. Uh, the White House is working with us. I want to, uh, uh, publicly thank the White House for, uh, turning over so many documents thus far.

11. **Comer:** We're in the process of uploading those documents for full transparency so everyone in America can see those documents. Uh, it's going to as, as quick as we can get 'em uploaded, and as the speaker said, they 34,000 pages. So we're, we're doing, uh, everything we can to get those uploaded. We want those to be public, uh, as soon as possible. And then, uh, we're gonna continue to, uh, bring in more people. We learned of some additional names today. Uh, we're gonna do everything we can, uh, to, to give the American public the transparency they seek, as well as provide accountability, uh, in, in, in, uh, memory of the, the sur the victims. Uh, who have, who have already passed away, as well as those that were in the room and many others who haven't come forward. So, we're sincere about this. This was a two and a half hour discussion. It was as bipartisan as anything I've seen in, in the nine years I've been here. Uh, appreciate the speaker for giving us the, uh, uh, authority to, uh, seek out everything that I think you all want, and the people that I talk to, uh, as I travel America want. And we're gonna do everything we can to get the answers and to do it as soon as possible.
12. **Comer:** I yield back.
13. **Johnson:** Question or two? Go ahead,
14. **Reporter:** The president appears to refer to this as the Epstein hoax, you just have talked to these victims. Is it a hoax?
15. **Johnson:** I, I'm not sure what that comment refers to, but I've spoken to the president myself about this many times, and he, uh, is in, is insistent as we are.
16. **Johnson:** He is the most transparent president in memory, probably in the history of the country. As you know, he stops. If he was here now, he would stand here and take your questions endlessly. Um, that's his mindset and he wants the American people to have information so they can draw their own conclusions. I've, I've talked with him about this very subject myself, so I can tell you that his is his heart.
17. **Johnson:** Now, he also, just as we do, is insistent that we protect the innocent victims, and that's what this has been about. Uh, there, there'll be votes in the house this week to, to advance this and affirm what is doing. Do we want? Everybody in the house wants to go on record in affirming what our oversight committee is doing in a bipartisan fashion.
18. **Johnson:** Um, there's a discharge petition that is pending, and the reason that I was not comfortable with that and, and still am not comfortable with the discharge petition is because it was inartfully drafted. It does not adequately protect the innocent victims, and that is a critical component of this. So the work is being done.
19. **Johnson:** The Department of Justice and the administration are in full compliance with every congressional subpoena. In fact, they're moving it quickly. And so, uh, the American people are, are owed this information and, and the expectation is it will come out soon. Two five.
20. **Reporter:** What exactly in the mass, in con, uh, discharge petition doesn't protect survivors.
21. **Johnson:** Yeah. Look it, it was inartfully drafted. Okay. They, they cite, for example, a, a code article that is supposedly to protect. Um, child sex acts. Okay, there's, these are legal term of R, but they cite the wrong US code provision, so it doesn't actually have any force of law. They don't actually have adequate protections for whistleblowers.
22. **Johnson:** We want to encourage whistleblowers in an investigation like this, and there are standards and practices and procedures that are used and federal prosecutions and investigations and here in Congress that are not adequately stated in the discharge petition. I, I think the petition itself is effectively a moot point now because all of this is happening.
23. **Johnson:** What the, what the House Oversight Committee is doing. What they're actually gathering is everything that was requested in the discharge petition, plus even more. And it's actually has the force of subpoena, the, the effect in force of law, which is why it's actually happening right now. Where the discharge petition does not lead to

that. So it's not a lawmaking exercise, it's superfluous at this point. And I think we're, we're achieving the desired end here.

24. **Johnson:** Yes.

25. **Reporter:** [indecipherable]

26. **Johnson:** we, we have, we have a subpoena, which must be supplied, uh, must be, uh, um, enforced. And that is, that does have the effective law. So it's even more effective than a vote on the floor. I mean, this is. We have subpoena authority and it is being used aggressively here, and we promise to those victims that we would continue that they are heartened, I think by the attention that has been given in this Congress that has not been there for many years, obviously. And, and, and I would say this, and I don't wanna overstate it, uh, my friend, uh, Jamie Comer, but. I would say Republicans and Democrats in the room were dumbfounded at some points about why some of this, uh, has not been disclosed, uh, further and in greater detail. And, uh, you have the right people on it now and we're on it. It's overdue.

27. **Johnson:** Go ahead.

28. **Comer:** [interjects] Sorry. And I also wanna add, we've subpoenaed the estate, the Epstein estate for everything too. So we're, we're pushing forward.

29. **Johnson:** When I say, when I say, when I say that, the, [reporter interrupts] over those documents, he he'll re Yes. The in the intention is to get them out for public release. And when I say that. The oversight committee's work goes further than the discharge petition. That's a great example. The discharge petition doesn't mention a subpoena or gathering, uh, information or documents from the Epstein estate. So there are other things that this committee with its expertise and all of its lawyers and all the work, uh, will be able to gather that That wasn't even anticipated in this, this other pending measure.

30. **Reporter:** So, what's there? What's the plan? Plan to avoid a government shutdown in four weeks? What's the plan?

31. **Johnson:** Oh, you wanna talk about that now? Look, we are, we're working through, uh, the appropriations process. We have been in good faith, as you know. We passed, uh, a few of these bills off the floor already and the Senate has done some work. They passed a few and a little mini bus. We've gotta get, um, these two chambers together. Of course, we have the end of the fiscal year comes up the end of, of this month and no one desires or government shutdown. So we'll be working in earnest over the next few days, uh, and in the next couple of weeks to ensure that doesn't happen.

32. **Johnson:** Uh, stay tuned for the details. As you know, everyone was out on the district work period, and now they've all just gathered. And so, uh, there'll be a tsunami of activity here for the next, uh, uh, we'll have some sleepless nights, wrapping it all up and getting it done. But, but I'm very optimistic we can avoid a a, a shutdown and it's gonna require leaders on both sides of the aisle to come together and do that. And I'm certainly hopeful that we can and do it in a responsible manner.

33. **Reporter:** there are so in your own party, Thomas Massey is one of them who have said that by delaying a vote, resisting a floor vote on the Epstein documents that you are protecting. What do you say?

34. **Johnson:** Well, I, I, I think that's obvious nonsense.

35. **Johnson:** We are demonstrating here that this is being done, but I'm gonna emphasize again, it has to be done in the right way. I spoke with the, the six brave women who were here, um, a about our intention on that, and they were so grateful. I think they will tell you themselves, those who are, are willing to come forward to speak publicly, that they will say, they, they, they want to be very careful.

36. **Johnson:** Not all the victims. In fact, the vast majority of ladies and women and young women who are. Who are subjected to these unspeakable crimes, I mean, unspeakable crimes, some of the things we heard today have chosen not to come forward for obvious reasons. So we've got to, we have to very carefully guard their identities. We cannot be haphazard about this. And that's the only thing, uh, that has had, if there's any delay at all, that's, that's what the intention is. And I think you'll see that's the effect, uh, the American people will get the information they, they desire.

37. **Johnson:** Last question. Yeah.

38. **Reporter:** Congressman Garcia says that you guys have subpoenaed that birthday book where President Trump allegedly wrote a note to Jeffrey Epstein.

39. **Reporter:** Is that something you guys are going to share with the public and expect to see soon?

40. **Johnson:** I, I don't know about that particular, uh, item. I haven't seen a long list of specific dates that's in the estate.

41. **Comer:** It's been, we've subpoenaed for ev all documents pertaining to this statement.

42. **Reporter:** And once you get it, will you release that to the public?

43. **Johnson:** We plan on doing that. Yeah. You, you're gonna see full disclosure, we always do maximum transparency. That's, that's Chairman Comer. That's what he does. Yes.

44. **Reporter:** Mr. Speaker, when you say justice delay, does that mean you are seeking more action to get justice, that transparency, or does that mean prosecutions?

45. **Johnson:** I think we follow the truth where it leads. I think that's the responsibility of Congress. I think we owe that to the victims. And if there are further prosecutions and need to be, need to be brought, um, no stone unturned. I mean, that's a commitment and it's, and it's bipartisan. And I'm, I'm heartened that, um. Members of Congress are willing to work together on that.

46. **Johnson:** So, and, and look, I will say this again. I'm gonna emphasize this is full, uh, participation of the administration and the White House. Um, the president has the same desire so long as we're protecting the innocent victims. So there'll be a lot more on this in the, in the coming days. So thank y'all for the time.

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Date: September 2, 2025

Exhibit A-25 Mike Johnson States Trump was Epstein FBI Informant 090525

1. **Johnson:** Every single one of them nodded and said, of course, yes, please do that.
2. **Reporter:** But Trump called it a hoax yesterday, a hoax.
3. **Johnson:** [interrupts] What Trump is referring to is the hoax that the Democrats are using to try to attack him. He has never said or suggested or implied, I've talked to him about this many times, many times.
4. **Reporter:** [interrupts] It comes across horrified calling the whole thing a hoax.
5. **Johnson:** [continues] He is Horrified. It. It's been misrepresented. He's not saying that what Epstein did as a hoax, it's a terrible unspeakable evil. He believes that himself. When he first heard the rumor, he kicked him out. Mar-a-Lago. He was an FBI informant to try to take the this, this stuff down.
6. **Johnson:** The president knows and has great sympathy for the women who have suffered these unspeakable harms. It's detestable to him. He and I have spoken about this as recently as 24 hours ago. What he's talking about is the Democrats who are doing this with impure motives. If they cared so much about this, why didn't they do something?
7. **Johnson:** During the four years of the Biden administration, when the Biden, DOJ had all the records, they didn't say a word about it. Now they're doing it for political purposes, not everybody, but a lot of them. And that's what the president's frustrated about, and we all are, that they're creating a hoax, just like they did with the Russian dossier, because they think it's gonna, uh, somehow be mud thrown on him.
8. **Johnson:** It's not, he has no culpability in this thing at all. The president has clean hands. He wants all the records out. He has told me that himself.
9. **Reporter:** Should he meet with the victims? Should he meet with the victims?
10. **Johnson:** I suspect he probably will. Yeah. He has great compassion for them. The president has a very compassionate heart.
11. **Johnson:** He hates the fact that these women were suffered, those harms. He hates what Epstein is accused of and and who he was. And when he recognized that, he realized. Epstein wasn't just some sort of, you know, socialite. He was an evil person and, and, you know, alleged to have been involved in evil schemes and the president distanced himself before he was president from that.
12. **Johnson:** 'cause that's not who he is. And I, I think he's being, he's being, uh, falsely accused and maligned. Uh, and that's a frustration of all of ours. That's what he's talking about when he says the hoax.

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Source: <https://x.com/alanhe/status/1963765092564013170>

Date: September 4, 2025

Exhibit A-26: Mike Johnson Walks Back Trump FBI Informant Claim 090825

1. **Reporter:** What did you mean by [indecipherable] was an FBI informant?
2. **Johnson:** Alright, well, I was referring to sir in that long conversation was what the victim's attorney said. Um, more than a decade ago, president Trump kicked Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago and he was one of the only people, one of the only prominent people, as everyone has reported, not President Trump, but everybody about him, uh, that he was willing to help. Law enforcement, uh, go after this guy who was a disgusting, uh, child abuser, sex trafficker, all the allegations, that's what they heard. So the president was helpful in that. I don't know if I use the right terminology, but that's common knowledge and everybody knows that. So this is much a do about nothing.

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Date: September 8, 2025

EXHIBIT A-27: Mike Johnson Backs off Trump Informant Claim 090925

1. **Johnson:** End of last week, lots about Epstein. Okay. Um, this, the, the Oversight Committee is doing its work. They're doing it in earnest. You may have heard Chairman Comer and other members that I think are headed down to the Epstein estate and literally physically, uh, to look at visitor logs and whatever evidence is there.
2. **Johnson:** I will point out none of that was anticipated or included in the discharge petition. So this is the actual work of the Committee of jurisdiction doing what it's supposed to do. You've got, um, very aggressive members on both sides of the aisle involved in this, and they're going to. Un uncover, overturn every stone and follow the truth where it leads. And we are fully supportive of that.
3. **Johnson:** Um, all that is going on, and I've been asked about a thousand questions a thousand times about all of it. Um, in a, in a, in an aside with Monte, what was that Friday? I don't know, on the way out Thursday or one of those days. Um, I mentioned that what, what the attorneys for the victims have been very clear about that President Trump was involved in this more than a decade ago before he ran for president, before any of that. He kicked Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago when he, when he learned about this, um, the allegations of this just evil behavior, evil acts, and, uh, that he was assisting participating in some way with law enforcement to bring about an end to that.
4. **Johnson:** I don't know if I used the right word. I said FBI, informant. I'm not sure I wasn't there. this isnt my lane. I'm just repeating what is common knowledge and has been out in the public for a long time. President Trump was never a hindrance to the Epstein investigation. He was trying to assist in that. He is disgusted. He is horrified by the, the things that have been done there by the victim's testimonies of the, uh, the just unspeakable evils that they had to endure.

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Date: September 9, 2025

Exhibit A-28 : Speaker Mike Johnson Gives Charlie Kirk Speech 091525

1. **Johnson** Right. Thank you all so much. It does my heart good to see you. And they hear that all the way in heaven. I'm telling you, it's been a very, very difficult week in America. We all know that it's been a mixture of unspeakable sadness and grief and anger and, and even fear. It's as if a, a dark shadow was cast over our country and certainly here even on Capitol Hill.
2. **Johnson** Uh, the leaders of the nation have been shaken, as have university students and college students and young people all across the country. As, as if the, the, the ground was shifted beneath us. We all felt it deep, deep inside. And in spite of that, we remember that our dear friend Charlie, would never want us to be overcome by despair.
3. **Johnson** He would want exactly the opposite. You know, Charlie Kirk. Recruited and trained and educated a generation of happy warriors, and we do well to be reminded that the best way to honor his memory and to honor his unmatched legacy is to live as Charlie did. That's right.
4. I I just have two thoughts in a very brief moment. I'm given to speak to you tonight. I just wanna give you two thoughts with, in that regard. I, if we can do two things that Charlie did, we will honor that legacy. One is to advance his principles and the other is to adopt his approach. Now, regarding his principles.
5. Charlie was a man of deep faith and conviction. Everyone here can testify to that and all the speakers will tonight. I mean, he meant it to his core. He was authentic and that's what drew people to the message so much. And he believed in the things that are noble and praiseworthy and good that scripture talks about.
6. He believed in family and freedom, faith and virtue and, and patriotism. See Charlie understood that we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. It's not even close. That's right.
7. I don't care what anybody argues in. Charlie could beat 'em all. We're the most, we're the most free, most successful, most powerful, most benevolent nation that has ever been on the earth. And Charlie understood why, and he wanted others to understand it as well. Because Charlie knew that if you don't understand the source of your freedom, it is easy for it to be taken away.
8. Charlie believed in the creed of our country, which we will celebrate our 250th anniversary next year.
9. Charlie loved to take university students and young people through the second paragraph, the declaration. We hold these truths to be self-evident. By the way, students, what is the self-evident truth? It's something that's obvious. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, not born equal, created equal. That's what Charlie knew,
10. and Charlie knew that, that because of that, because what the founders said, what they articulated, that, that, that, that God created us. He's the one that gave us our inalienable rights. Charlie Kirk stood for the principle and he shared it everywhere he could. Our rights do not derive from the state or a king.
11. They come from the king of kings.
12. Charlie also taught so effectively he did it as well as anybody in his generation or possibly for many generations. That the other principles that come from that, what the founders do, and when they put this country together, this grand experiment in self-governance, they understood. That we are made in the image of God.
13. And because of that, that's right. Because of that, Charlie knew and he believed it, and you could see it in how he, he advanced this ministry of his. He knew that because we're all made in the image of God. Every single person has inestimable, dignity and value, and your values not related in any way or the color of your skin or what zip code you live in, where you go to school.

14. It's irrelevant. Your values inherit 'cause it is given to you by God. That's what Charlie Kirk believed. That's what Charlie Kirk believed.
15. If we could advance those principles that Charlie advanced, we'll be able to save this great republic. And that's what he was all about. But we should also adopt his approach. See, Charlie loved a vigorous debate, but he loved people more. Right, Charlie. That's right Charlie. Charlie was never motivated by hate.
16. I mean, he could cling the fuck of anybody in a debate. We all know it. But you know what he did after those debates? He was always the first person to reach out a hand of friendship or to offer an arm around the shoulder of someone who he felt was lost. Because in many places, in many cases, the people he was debating were indeed lost.
17. Not just philosophically but spiritually. And Charlie knew the truth. And he knew that eternity awaits us all. We know exactly where Charlie is right now. That's right.
18. Charlie had such faith and such such belief, and he wanted to share that truth with others. And what he was trying to do is pull people back from the abyss, not just to save a country, but to save souls. That's what Charlie Kirk was about. And that that will resonate. It goes far beyond him. His legacy is immeasurable.
19. I used to be a lawyer. I defended free speech and the religious freedom and, and all that in the courts, and we tried to, we talked a lot about advancing and preserving the free marketplace of ideas. I think Charlie Curd. Offered more productive content, the free marketplace of ideas than anyone in its generation, and arguably in the last hundred years of US history.
20. I could go on and on, but I'm out of time because you have a lot of great people to hear from tonight. Everybody has a story about Charlie and. They're all worthy to be shared, and I wouldn't know we'll be doing that for many days to come. I'll just leave you with a thought from Edmund Burke. It's attributed to him, and Charlie knew this quote, well, he was my friend.
21. We talked about these things. He, he reminded young people, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Charlie Kirk did so much in his short life. That he spurred that on in other people. He inspired it in other people, and that message and that truth will go more boldly now than it did while he was here.
22. It will go forward with power and strength. That's it.
23. I've been asked to offer a brief word of prayer, so if you would do that with me. Heavenly Father, we come to you tonight. In sadness, but also with Grateful Hearts because we know that your truth endures. We know where our dear brother and friend Charlie is. We thank you that he's receiving his reward and that he's heard those words that we all aspire to hear.
24. Well done. Good and faithful servant father, help us to remember the principles of your word that Charlie worked every day to advance that we do not return evil for evil, but we overcome evil. With good. And we pray that you bless our friend and brother's legacy, that it goes on roars on throughout the nation, that you pray and encourage and inspire, Erica, the children, the the Kirk family, the the Turning Point staff, and, and all the volunteers and supporters and every student around the nation who is, who is already connected to this organization and the 18,000 plus inquiries that they received this week for new chapters.
25. Heavenly Father, we pray that you bless that in such a supernatural, exponential way that no one can explain it, but that your spirit has been involved. We pray and believe all this and we commit our great nation to you. In Jesus' name, amen. Amen.

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Date: September 15, 2025

Exhibit A-29 : Trump Discusses Political Enforcement with Jimmy Kimmel 091925

1. **Reporter:** And on a separate issue, free speech. Your vice president, uh, Vance said that free speech is under attack. In the uk do you agree with him and Prime Minister? We saw the dismissal of a very well known chat show host in America last night. Mr. Kimmel, his free speech more under attack in Britain or America?
2. **Trump:** Well, Jimmy Kimmel was fired 'cause he had bad ratings more than anything else. And he said a horrible thing about a great gentleman known as Charlie Kirk. And Jimmy Kimmel is not a talented person. He had very bad ratings and they should have fired him a long time ago. So you know, you can call that free speech or not.
3. **Trump:** He was fired for lack of talent. Yeah, please go ahead.
4. **Reporter:** Yeah, I mean, firstly on the question of Charlie Kirk, can I just, um, uh, express, um, how shocking that is? I think to everybody who believes in free speech, um, and in democracy. Um, and, um, I, it sent shock waves through. Um, the world and I know that he was a president, he was a friend of the president, and I reached out straight away to the president because I understood how impactful it be on him and his family.
5. **Starmer:** Um, and we all need to, uh, be absolutely clear about that. Whatever our political views, it is shocking. Um, and is to be condemned, um, on free speech. I'll not much to add to the answer I gave earlier. This country's had free speech for a very, very long time. It is part of who we are, uh, as a country. Um, and, um, it is the values that we fought for.
6. **Starmer:** We fought, uh, for it during the Second World War alongside each other. Um, so we need no reminding of the importance of free speech in this country. Thank you, Robert.

[End of Transcript]

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Date: September 19, 2025

Exhibit A-30 Trump Discusses Violating Jimmy Kimmel's Free Speech

1. **Reporter:** Who would you like to see replace Kimmel on late night?
2. **Trump:** Well, a lot of people could. Anybody could replace him. Guy had no talent. Kimmel had, look, he was fired. He had no talent. He's a whack job, but he had no talent. And more importantly than talent, he had no, 'cause. A lot of people have no talent. They get ratings, but, uh, he had no ratings.
3. **Trump:** His ratings were worse than Colbert. I think they got rid of Colbert, which is a good thing to do. And look, uh. That's something that should be talked about for licensing too. When you have a network and you have evening shows and all they do is hit Trump, that's all they do. But when you go back and take a look, all they do is hit Trump.
4. **Trump:** They're licensed. They're not allowed to do that. They're an arm of the Democrat parties. Mr. President, are you going to ask Brendan Carr to weigh in on other late night posts that you have? Uh. Apps that should be on the Air. Midnight host is on network television. There is a licensing. I'll give you an example.
5. **Trump:** I read someplace that the networks were 97% against me. I got 97% negative, and yet I won it easily. It won all seven Spring States popular. I won everything. And if they're 97% against, they give me only bad publicity or press. I mean, they're getting a license. I, I would think maybe their license should be taken away.
6. **Trump:** I, I, it will be up to Brendan Carr. I think. Brendan Carr is outstanding. He's a patriot. He loves our country and he's a tough guy.
7. **Reporter:** [interjects] So why? Why is that on a free speech issue?
8. **Trump:** So we'll have to see.
9. **Trump:** When you think about this...97% of the stories or most of it, and yet I win easily the election. It's pretty amazing when you think of it. That shows they have no credibility.
10. **Trump:** Go ahead.
11. **Reporter:** Could, could, could you use that same logic with news? if someone's...
12. **Trump:** [interrupts] yeah. In the old days, I remember in the old days that every four or five years, a network would reapply for its license and the license is free.
13. **Trump:** You know, they get this valuable thing for free and they'd reapply for a license, and if they did something wrong, well, I beat George Stephanopoulos, slop, Opolis. I call him George Slop. They had to pay me \$15 million for what he said.
14. **Trump:** I beat CBS for much more money than that, including advertising and other things, much more money, because they totally changed the answer that Kamala gave.
15. **Trump:** What a question. I mean, they didn't change it. They took it out and put a different answer in, and they didn't want to go to court with that. That's a tough one to go to court.
16. **Trump:** Uh, so no. I think that if you remember years ago, I remember as a kid they would file, it was a big deal every four or five years, and I don't know, you don't hold me exact, but it was like four or five years they'd have to file for a license extension.
17. **Trump:** I don't hear about that. The only one that I've heard even bring it up is Brendan Carr.
18. **Trump:** I think Brendan Carr is doing a great job and I think he's a great patriot.
19. **Trump:** I thought she was great. I did too. I sat with her last night. Melania went with her today. She thought she was great.

[End of Transcript]

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13. **Trump:** You know, they get this valuable thing for free and they'd reapply for a license, and if they did something wrong, well, I beat George Stephanopoulos, slop, Opolis. I call him George Slop. They had to pay me \$15 million for what he said.
14. **Trump:** I beat CBS for much more money than that, including advertising and other things, much more money, because they totally changed the answer that Kamala gave.
15. **Trump:** What a question. I mean, they didn't change it. They took it out and put a different answer in, and they didn't want to go to court with that. That's a tough one to go to court.
16. **Trump:** Uh, so no. I think that if you remember years ago, I remember as a kid they would file, it was a big deal every four or five years, and I don't know, you don't hold me exact, but it was like four or five years they'd have to file for a license extension.
17. **Trump:** I don't hear about that. The only one that I've heard even bring it up is Brendan Carr.
18. **Trump:** I think Brendan Carr is doing a great job and I think he's a great patriot.
19. **Trump:** I thought she was great. I did too. I sat with her last night. Melania went with her today. She thought she was great.

[End of Transcript]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97xZSVhNfR4>

Date: September 18, 2025

EXHIBIT A-32 Attorney General Bondi Exclaims She will Target Hate Speech, Political Views or Any Reason at All 091525

[podcast begins with introduction and discussion regarding Charlie Kirk and Antisemitism]

1. **Bondi:** There's free speech and then there's hate speech and there is no place especially now especially after what happened to Charlie in our society.
2. **Katie Miller:** Do you see more law enforcement going after these groups who are using hate speech and putting cuffs on people so we show them that some action is better than no action.
3. **Bondi:** We will absolutely target you, go after you if you are targeting anyone with hate speech, anything.
4. **Bondi:** And that's across the aisle. I mean, look what happened. Think about Josh Shapiro.
5. **Katie Miller:** What happened to Governor Shapiro?
6. **Bondi:** I talked to Josh multiple times. Democrat, governor, Jewish. They firebombed his house while his wife and children were sleeping upstairs. It's a miracle nothing worse happened to It's a miracle that nothing h happened to Josh and he and his family are safe. They're traumatized, but that's what's happened in this world.
7. **Bondi:** And we are going to fight every step of the way to show that you will face the most severe consequences if you come after someone and you target someone for their political views or for any for any reason at all.

[podcast continues with irrelevant content]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LRPHxSrLTE>

Date: September 15, 2025

EXHIBIT A-33 Mike Johnson Discusses Free Speech Post Bondi's Remarks 091625

[transcript start]

1. **Reporter:** You mentioned, uh, Charlie being a champion of speech, um, in that thing, there have been calls to, you know, go out to organizations or people who have said things, but I'm wondering from, from a legal perspective, what's the line when it comes to free speech? Is it. This in a podcast yesterday clarifies a little bit. I'm curious from your perspective, what is the line when it comes to free speech?
2. **Johnson:** Well, I mean, I, I approached this as a former litigator who defended free speech in the courts for a couple of decades. We defended religious freedom and, and, um, and speech that some people deemed to be, uh, inappropriate. Um, look, in America, it's a very important part of our tradition that we do not.
3. **Johnson:** This is a conservative principle and certainly an American principle. We do not censor and silence disfavored viewpoints. People in America are allowed to say crazy things.
4. **Johnson:** Now that said, if I'm an employer or I'm a government agency and I have someone in my employee who is online celebrating the heinous murder of an innocent person, a young husband and father. I, I can make the decision that they don't deserve to work for me. They shouldn't represent my company or my agency. And I have every right to do that. And I think that's appropriate. That's not the government censoring speech, that's personal behavior and decorum. And you have a right to, uh, enforce that.
5. **Johnson:** So I don't think it's a violation of court principles, uh, for people to, to, uh, to, to have appropriate measures taken when they act like crazy people online. Um, and that's up to the employers and these private businesses.
6. **Johnson:** And, and the, these, um. You know, the people who make those decisions. That's not, uh, something that Congress is involved in.
7. **Johnson:** But I mean, I think, I think all of that is intellectually consistent and will continue to defend it. He called on the political world to lower the temperature, cool down the rhetoric, and not use words like evil. Enemy president himself has referred to Democrats. Oftentimes it's evil enemy. Would you urge him?
8. **Johnson:** Would you advise him to count down the rhetoric? The president has been called the most despicable names by people on the left for a long, long time. I don't have to give you the catalog. It would be this thick. We, I need one of those Hakeem Jeffries notebooks to put up here and go through with you with all that.
9. **Johnson:** Um, look there, there's a lot of heated rhetoric all around and what, what, what I'm trying to advance here is this idea that we can have vigorous policy debates that is the legacy of Charlie Kirk. He loved the debate. Um. But, but he didn't hate the people on the other side. And that's what I'm trying to encourage all of us to remember.
10. **Johnson:** We we're, we can have vehement disagreements on policy, but it shouldn't be personal. At the end of the day, we're trying to bring people to our, uh, to, to our mode of thinking. And, uh, it's more effective that way when you handle it that way. And I think Charlie was.

[End of Transcript]

Date: September 16, 2025

Exhibit A-34: FCC Chair Brendan Carr Discusses Political Enforcement of Jimmy Kimmel

[Begin Transcript]

1. **Reporter:** Of course. Another story this morning that we've mentioned a number of times is Disney, uh, which owns a, b, c, not that large or an important part of the overall company. Uh, nonetheless, it did pull Jimmy Kimmel alive off the air yesterday, the late night show. This after comments by the show's host, uh, about the murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. Now, those comments did prompt a regulatory threat by FCC Chair Brendan Carr. And we're now joined by Chairman Carr. Uh, good to see you, uh, chairman, always. Uh, nice to have you join us on CNBC.
2. **Reporter:** You know, I, I guess I'd start off by asking did you play a role in this beyond your public comments? I believe they took place yesterday morning on a podcast in which you said, we can do this the easy way or the hard way. Uh, in terms of changing conduct on Kimmel, or you said there's gonna be additional work for the FCC ahead, was that enough in your opinion, to spur this move by Disney or were you involved beyond that?
3. **Carr:** I think there's a much bigger, uh, shakeup that's underway right now. I think people, again, try to focus narrowly on the specifics here, but if you just back up, I think ever since President Trump won the election, it's created a permission structure for markets, including the media market. To rationalize. I mean, again, if you look at the ratings for late night television, they've been in an absolute nose dive for years.
4. **Carr:** Uh, but for some reason these companies felt like they had to continue to subsidize it. And I think that's ending. And again, I think your viewers get this, but think about the business side of this. You have the national programmers, Disney, that create this content, and you've got individualized licensed TV stations all across the country. And they're required. They've been, for years, required to respond to the needs of their local communities and viewers. And I think it was those local communities and viewers that were saying, you know, we don't like this stuff anymore.
5. **Carr:** And so Nexstar was the first mover year said, we're gonna preempt this program, we're gonna black it out. Yeah. Again, that's what you're supposed to do, a healthy functioning market. I think, again, people sort of focus on, you know, narrow specifics, but there's a much bigger shift that's taking place right now in the media ecosystem and Frank, and frankly, I think that's a good thing.
6. **Reporter:** Yeah, no. And you mentioned obviously next to our in Sinclair, uh, and they clearly played a role in the decision by Bob Iger and Dana Walden at Disney to suspend, uh, Kimmel. We don't know for how long, by the way, but I would take issue perhaps with your contention somehow, that these, that these companies are keeping these broadcasts on the air, not because they're profitable, but for another reason. I've followed these company closely as you well know and have for years. And I can tell you their leaders are very focused on making sure that every opportunity they have to, uh, to create profits is one that they take. So, you know, they must be still making money in some way. You really believe that, that it's simply a, a what a, a partisan move on their part to, to maintain these broadcasts?
7. **Carr:** I think you can certainly make that argument. Just look at Colbert, right? The reporting that came out after, uh, Colbert was canceled is that his show was losing \$50 million a year. Why were they, you know, losing \$50 million? And again, I think there's a lot of commentary on late night having shifted dramatically over the last 10 years.

8. **Carr:** It used to be. That they would go for laugh lines and it's shifted to going for applause lines. They went from being court gestures that made fun of everybody as should happen. You should parody everybody. Trust me, I'm getting my fair share of parodies and that's fine. Yeah. But they started replacing that and becoming court clerics and enforcing a very narrow, uh, world view.
9. **Carr:** And I think that just tanked the business model again, president Trump has sort of unlocked the ability of companies to say. You know, we need to go a different direction. Just again, look at the ratings, it's just not there.
10. ****Reporter:****No, the rating, but ratings have come down across the board as a result of, of course, people just don't watch nearly like they did. I mean, I can go back and so my colleagues to remembering though the times of Johnny Carson.
11. **Reporter:** Now again, to that point, uh, uh, chairman, I mean, you know, the administration in power was typically the subject of most of his jokes, as would seem to be the case now. I mean, these aren't comedians we're talking about. This is not the news.
12. **Carr:** Well, look, I can tell you Jimmy Kimmel is no, Johnny Carson. And the issue that arose here where lots and lots of people were upset was not a joke. It was not, you know, making fun or pillaring me or the administration or the president. It was appearing to directly mislead. The American public about a significant fact that probably one of the most significant political events we've had, uh, in a long time. Really the most significant political assassination we've seen in a long time. And so I think's different. I don't think anybody, I don't think anybody, anybody's gonna try and defend what, what Kimmel said, and, and I certainly defer to the decision making of the company itself in terms of saying this was beyond the bounds.
13. **Reporter:** But I do wonder, and I think many people do, whether you really are just targeting comedians or you, you know, who typically through the years have, uh, have made fun of political figures in a way that because the president simply is offended by it.
14. **Carr:** No, no, no. Look, again, broadcast TV is different. We're on a cable show right now. You don't have an FCC license. You don't have an obligation to serve. The public interest podcasts don't either stand up comedians, whether they're on lots of forms of communications, don't. And kimmel is free to do that. But if you have a broadcast TV license, that means that you have something that very few people have, and you're excluding other people from having access to that valuable public resource.
15. **Carr:** And it comes with an obligation to serve the public interest. And again, over the years, there's been a rule in place at the FCC that local TV stations get too preempt. Programming that they don't think meets the needs of their communities. But recently, these national programmers, A, B, C, Disney, Comcast, NBC, they've been exercising outsize control and power. Over those local TV stations and there's been no pushback. And this is a very significant moment 'cause local broadcasters are now pushing back on national programmers, uh, for the first time, uh, that I can think of in modern history. And that's one of the things we want at the FCC. We wanna empower local broadcasters that have the public interest obligation to push back on national programmers so that people have more choice.
16. **Reporter:** That kind of, I mean, it's interesting some people have pulled some of your old post chair car, including this one from, uh, 2019. Should the government censor speech, it doesn't, like, of course not, the FCC does not have a roving mandate to police speech in the name of the quote, public interest. Um, how do you square what you're saying with those old posts? And is there pressure now, for example, for Comcast to drop Jim, uh, Jimmy Fallon and Seth Meyers, the way the president suggested?
17. **Carr:** Well, two things. I've been very, very consistent when it comes to the internet. We want, you know, wide open, robust, you know, debate, and there's no public interest standard there. There's no licensing obligation there. But again, broadcast TV is simply different, particularly during COVID. We saw this massive surge in censorship on the internet by Facebook, by previous owners of Twitter, and I pushed back very strongly there. But again, broadcast is different. They've got a license and they're free to go on the internet and do whatever they want.
18. **Carr:** But if they want to keep. Access to those valuable airwaves. I've been clear we're reinvigorating the fccs enforcement of public interest and it's a good thing. I mean, look, trust in the media is at an all time low. It used to

be more trusted than Congress. At least they could say, but now they've fallen beneath Congress. I think, you know, gas station sushi probably pulls better in terms of trust than the legacy broadcast media right now.

19. **Reporter:** Uh, chair car, Jim Kramer. Uh, according to, uh, the New York Times, late Wednesday, I'm just quoting here, Sinclair, another owner of many local TV stations, said that it would also suspend Mr. Kimmel's program and call to Mr. Kimmel to apologize and make a meaningful personal donation to Mr. Kirk's family, the activist political group, turning Point USA. Do you think that's an appropriate remedy of the situation?
20. **Carr:** I think Sinclair's every right to call for that. Again, you know, Sinclair affiliates with. Uh, Disney, they take Disney contract. They have a contractual relationship with Disney, and that's between the two of them to figure out, you know, what's gonna make sense to make both of them comfortable with the relationship going forward. But again, over the years, it would be unthinkable for Sinclair, for nexstar, for local TV stations to actually say, you know what, you know, we're not gonna take this particular programming that's coming out of New York and Hollywood and send it to Pennsylvania and Utah. And so the idea that local broadcasters feel like they can push back. Um, I think that's a much, much healthier dynamic for the country right now.
21. **Reporter:** Chair Cardwell, we have you, and I'm not saying we won't come back to Kimmel. I did wanna, I did wanna hit on something I reported a lot on over the last couple of weeks, which was the Spectrum Sale and something you and I actually discussed back in May at Milken from EchoStar. Two big deals, 23 billion to at and t, another 17 billion to SpaceX. Um, you know, there are some who believe, including the Wall Street Journal, uh, editorial page, I shouldn't say believe, who questioned why you didn't just take the spectrum back, uh, on behalf of the US taxpayer, because frankly, EchoStar did not do what it said it would with said spectrum over the years they had it and rec, uh, and, and therefore, uh. Garner \$40 billion in revenues for the US taxpayer instead of for Charlie Ergen.
22. **Carr:** Well, I think. First of all, we would've to make a determination that EchoStar had not in fact met their build out milestone. We raised significant questions about that. Uh, EchoStar responded to those questions and addressed it. Uh, at the end of the day, I just think the public interest was better served by finding a way to load that spectrum against Spectrum is the key to. Making everything we have wirelessly connect, it's gonna enable us to do mobile ai and we need to move more of these airways in a way that's gonna load up the data. In my view, EchoStar wasn't doing that and so they've now decided to sell a big chunk of the spectrum to at and t, another large chunk of spectrum to starlink, and it's gonna unlock. A really great, uh, new innovation for the country. One, it's gonna help bring Americans across the digital divide, including in rural parts of the country. And two, this next generation of connectivity, direct to sale is gonna be part of it where you go straight from your smartphone, right to a satellite. This 50 megahertz of spectrum is gonna unlock that. And I'm just really excited about the potential competition there. And again, I think that's one where President Trump, uh, would, we would not have been able to bring this deal together. But for his strong leadership, and again, rather going through nobody disagree is enforcement. In, in revocation for could be years, right? That spectrum would've been sidelined. It's now gonna gonna go in the hands of people.
23. **Reporter:** That's what I wonder because, you know, again, it's, it's not as though people aren't saying, of course this is beneficial to get that spectrum used more quickly and given how long it sat fallow as a result of the inability of EchoStar to build it out. But you feel as though you didn't have the right necessarily to, uh, reclaim those licenses based on the contract as it was already deemed, and then take them back and realize all the money for the US taxpayer?
24. **Carr:** That's right. There were real concerns about whether they've met the buildup obligation. They provided more data, more information, uh, and were satisfied that they did meet the buildup obligation. So there would've been no, uh, case to go forward with a license revocation, even if the data had been different. Uh, and then you could've make an argument that they didn't meet the obligations. That's still, you know, 3, 4, 5, 6 year protracted process where hundreds of megahertz of spectrum. Are not gonna get loaded for the American people. So both because we found they meant to build that obligation and even an alternative universe. Otherwise, you can make the argument that this is a great result because people are gonna get connected right now during the Trump administration to

new high speed internet connections that's gonna drive prices down. So all of that's a really, really good outcome here.

25. **Reporter:** Yeah, no, and it was a good outcome for Charlie Ergen as well. Obviously given EchoStar was on the brink of potentially bankruptcy. Certainly if you guys had pulled those licenses.
26. **Reporter:** I wanna come back to where we started the conversation and Jimmy Kimmel, um, and your contention perhaps that these shows do lose money. You know, we just did a quick look. I mean, the show is supposed to be profitable, uh, chairman. Uh, not necessarily on advertising revenue as you note given ratings, but, um, affiliate revenue, carriage deals, YouTube viewership apparently quite high. You know, again, I guess I just pushed back on the idea that these companies are keeping these shows on the air to score political points somehow, as opposed to, because they think they actually make the money.
27. **Carr:** Look, we know for sure with more data coming out on Colbert that they were losing money. Happy to take a look more. Uh, at Kimmel, obviously the ratings are where they are. They've been going through the floor. But again, this is a decision for local broadcast TV stations to make. Right. Are they gonna lose their own advertisers because people don't wanna be associated with that. Uh, Kimmel programming, you know, again, we're talking about varied parts of the country with different values, and I'm pleased that Nexstar and Sinclair are looking to their viewers and saying, our viewers don't want this, and so we're not gonna run it anymore.
28. **Carr:** So even if it's profitable, uh, if the viewers don't want it, you know, that's the ultimate judgment there.
29. **Reporter:** And again, I had asked earlier about Fallon and Seth Meyers, but are is the president's view that they should also, uh, be taken off the air shared by the FCC?
30. **Carr:** Well, yeah. I don't speak for the president, so obviously, you know, he speaks for himself on that.
31. **Carr:** Our goal and our obligation here is to make sure that broadcasters are serving the public interest. And if there's local TV stations that don't think that running that programming does it, then they have every right under the law in their contracts to preempt it and we'll see how this plays out.
32. **Carr:** But I do think that, again, we are in the midst of a massive shift in dynamics in the media ecosystem for lots of reasons. Uh, again, including the permission structure that President Trump's election has provided. And I, I would simply say we're not done yet with seeing the consequences of that shift.
33. **Reporter:** Well, what, what does that mean when you say you're not done yet, then?
34. **Carr:** I mean, will, will you only be pleased when none of these comedians, uh, have a show on broadcast television or?
35. **Carr:** again, it's not, it's not about any particular show or any particular person. It's just. We're in the midst of a very disruptive moment right now, and I just frankly expect that we're gonna continue to see changes in the media ecosystem.
36. **Reporter:** Well, chair car, I'm not sure I wanted to do this or not, but should the government have someone who reviews the writers before the uh, host says something?
37. **Carr:** No.
38. **Reporter:** How would you be sure that the host is saying something that you would think is okay?
39. **Carr:** That's not my, that's not up to me. What the way this works is that the local broadcast station is supposed to be responsible for the content.
40. **Carr:** So the check on that content is not the government. It's not me here at the FCC. It's your local TV station in Provo, Utah. It's your local TV station in Scranton. It's on them under the law. They're responsible for the content. They're responsible for judging whether they think it's in the public interest or serves the needs of their local. Communities, not for me to decide, but I'm very pleased that they feel empowered to stand up to Disney and Comcast in the appropriate cases.
41. **Reporter:** Yeah. Uh, chairman Carr, always appreciate you taking the time, uh, having the conversation with us. Thank you.
42. **Carr:** Yeah. Really enjoyed it. Thank you so much, folks.

43. **Reporter:** Of course. Quick disclosure, by the way. Of course. As, uh, our viewers know, Comcast still, the parent company of NBC Universal still owns CNBC. Now, NT is going to become the new parent company of CNBC. That is upon completion of the plan spinoff, probably very early next year.

[End of Transcript]

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EXHIBIT A-36 Trump at Kirk Memorial Speech Stating He Hates His Opponents 092125

1. **Trump:** But through it all, the core of Charlie's message and his basic method never changed. It never really changed. He stayed the same person. Also at every campus event, Charlie asked the people who disagreed with him to come forward and instead of silencing them, he handed them a microphone and let them speak and he'd convinced so many of them. It was pretty amazing thing to watch actually.
2. **Trump:** Shortly before Charlie arrived on campus, the day he was assassinated, a staff member texted him that there were many critics and students who were opposed to his views and rather strenuously in the crowd. And that actually made him feel good because he, he wanted to convince them. He understood. He really did. He understood what was right, and he was right about that. A lot of it was based on common sense, by the way.
3. **Trump:** Charlie wrote back to the staff member saying, I'm not here to fight them. I want to know them and love them, and I wanna reach them and try and lead them into a great way of life in our country.
4. **Trump:** In that private moment on his dying day, we find everything we need to know about who Charlie Kirk truly was. He was a missionary with a noble spirit and a great, great purpose.
5. **Trump:** He did not hate his opponents. He wanted the best for them.
6. **Trump:** That's where I disagreed with Charlie. I hate my opponent and I don't want the best for them.
7. **Trump:** I'm sorry. I am sorry, Erica, but now Erica can talk to me and the whole group and maybe they can convince me that that's not right, but I can't stand my opponent.

[End of Transcript]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJzfp8QyiNw>

Date: September 21, 2025

Exhibit A-37 FBI Director Patel Admits Ignorance of Core Evidence While Claiming "Exhaustive Investigation"

1. **Director Patel:** let's just get to it because I know it's on people's minds. Epstein, right? The reason people are pissed off about that is the same, same thing, right? 20 years ago or whenever it was, 2000 6, 7, 8, Epstein gets this sweetheart plea deal, right? Right. After committing the most horrific crimes on planet Earth.
2. **Director Patel:** Right. I wasn't in, I wasn't in power there. I wasn't in place there. I, you know, nothing to do with it, but people were rightfully pissed. I mean, this guy was committing the most grotesque. Ask acts you can against children. And the media spins up about it. Many of the media protected him. Why? Because of his relationships, who he knew, who his bankers were, who his colleagues were, who was on the island and stuff like that. Some pretty powerful human beings.
3. **Director Patel:** And so when you peel back the, the layer and then you, and then what happened? The Trump administration, the last go round decided, no, no, we're not gonna let that go. We're gonna investigate him, right? They charged him, they indict him, and he's awaiting trial and. I've said it, Dan Bonino said it. We've reviewed all the information and the American public is gonna get as much as we can release. He killed himself. Do you think, let's play out the logical conclusion of this. Do you think that myself, Bonino, and others would participate in hiding information about Epstein's grotesque activities? Or do you think we would also participate in not. Prosecuting people. We had evidence to prosecute people on, but the problem is there's been like 15 years of people coming in and creating fictions about this that doesn't exist. Where's the videotape of an Nipsey island of X, Y, and Z committing these frauds? Why haven't you given it to us? Do you really think I wouldn't give that to you if it existed? I am working my ass off along with the leadership at the bureau and DOJ to get you what we're allowed to give you, and you're gonna get the video of the cell and you're gonna see for yourself, and we will never be able to convince everyone.
4. **Joe Rogan:** Okay. Let's, let's get into that.
5. **Joe Rogan:** So what did you think before you got into office? Did you think that Epstein was murdered?
6. **Director Patel:** No,
7. **Director Patel:** no suspicion at all of it, but I have a different background. Right, right. So I was a public defender back in the day. I used to spend a lot of time in jails and a lot of time in segregated housing units, shoes, as we call 'em.
8. **Joe Rogan:** Right.
9. **Director Patel:** And so, uh, and I've known people that have committed suicide in the cells and I know how you get in, how you get out, who works the system. And so the way, based on public information at the time that he ended up. Put the pictures and him hanging himself. I was like, man, that guy killed himself. It's, there's just no way that you could have run an op and had people go into that cell and not have any video of it and not have any people come out and say, Hey, yeah, I saw that guy. He shouldn't have been there. The guard or this guy. There's just no access points into places like this. In the detention center he was in, which I've been in.
10. **Joe Rogan:** so correct me if I'm wrong, but what I was told, what I'd read was that the guards were not paying attention or were sleeping.
11. **Director Patel:** Well, right. Yeah. And in short order you'll see it.
12. **Joe Rogan:** And is that, is that correct?
13. **Director Patel:** Well, it's hard to surmise that from a video. Right. Like right where they like, you know, and look, do guards doze off on the night shift. Yeah. But no one can get in to the cell. And if they had gotten into the cell, you would see it.
14. **Joe Rogan:** But we were told that the cameras were down.
15. ****Director Patel:**** Well, I don't know. Who said that, but

16. **Joe Rogan:** that was, that was in the news.
17. **Director Patel:** Um, we are giving you all the footage we have.
18. **Joe Rogan:** So why wasn't that released, like immediately? Why, why did this speculation escalate?
19. **Director Patel:** I think you'd have to ask, uh, who, whoever the attorney general back then was Bill Barr.
20. **Joe Rogan:** Did you ever see, do you remember that HBO autopsy show, Dr. Michael Badden. He's a famous forensic.
21. **Director Patel:** I don't think I've seen that
22. **Joe Rogan:** scientist. So, uh, he's a pathologist and he reviewed the case and it was his determination that it was a homicide. [Patel: Mm-hmm.] Because of the way his neck was broken. [Patel: Mm-hmm.] And what he said was it was indicative of a ligature strangulation.
23. **Joe Rogan:** And it was because of the positioning on the neck where the marks were. [Patel: Mm-hmm.] That it wasn't indicative of someone hanging by their weight, which had been higher on the chin. And there's a specific break of the bones and the vertebrae that's consistent with someone who is just strangled to death.
24. **Director Patel:** Mm-hmm. I, I haven't seen it. I'll definitely take a look at it. 'cause that's part of my job.
25. **Joe Rogan:** You haven't seen that, the report on that?
26. **Director Patel:** Yeah. No, I haven't looked at that.
27. **Joe Rogan:** Did you see any, was, did, was there any other autopsy done other than the official one?
28. **Director Patel:** Not to my knowledge, but if there was, you'll get it.
29. **Joe Rogan:** And that's what we're doing.
30. **Joe Rogan:** See if you find that doc, Dr. Michael Badden thing.
31. **Director Patel:** Yeah. No.
32. **Joe Rogan:** Did you remember that show? The HBO show?
33. **Director Patel:** No.
34. **Joe Rogan:** A pretty cool show. Yeah. So this guy, Dr. Michael Badden, he had a long career of catching murders, you know, exhuming bodies, finding trace amounts of poisons, different kinds of things and it was a crazy show. Like all these wild ways.
35. **Director Patel:** Well, I love watching shows and I spent a lot of time on planes.
36. **Joe Rogan:** Yeah. It was an old show. Okay. It was a show like from the early two thousands I believe. Um. But this guy was like, you know, was very well-respected forensic scientist who would analyze these bodies and [Patel: Mm-hmm.] it was his determination that he was murdered.
37. **Director Patel:** Yeah. And my job, going back to the core of what I've been doing. Since I studied Russiagate was to get and is to get everybody the information.
38. **Joe Rogan:** When did you get...here...[Rogan pulls up news article] Epstein's autopsy points to homicide pathologists hired by brother claims. New York City Medical Examiner strongly disputed the claim that the evidence from the autopsy suggested strangulation.
39. **Joe Rogan:** So let's go to, by the way, this is the New York Times and they never lie.
40. **Joe Rogan:** The private pathologist, Dr. Michael Badden, said the morning TV show. Fox and Friends Mr. Epstein experienced a number of injuries among them, a broken bone in his neck that are extremely unusual in suicidal hangings and could occur much more commonly in homicidal strangulation. I think the evidence points to homicide rather than suicide to Dr. Batten who observed the autopsy done by city officials. Dr. Badden, a former New York City medical examination and a Fox News contributor said I have not seen in 50 years where that occurred in suicidal hanging case. Uh, findings by Dr. Badden were strongly disputed by the city's chief Medical examiner, Dr. Barbara Sampson. Who previously ruled that Mr. Epstein's death on August 10th in the Metropolitan Correctional Center was a suicide. I stand firmly but behind our determination of the cause and manner of death. In this case. Dr. Sampson said in the interview on Wednesday, she added in general fractures of the hyoid bone and cartilage can be seen in suicides and homicides. The hyoid bone is near the Adams apple. Dr. Sampson also dismissed Dr. Batten's contention that the circumstances around Mr. Epstein's death suggested other people may have been

involved. She set her off. Said, done a complete investigation, taken into consideration, information gathered by law enforcement in the making, in making the determination.

41. **Director Patel:** So this is a perfect example of going back to my public defender and prosecutor days. Mm-hmm. This is what we call a war of experts. You can always find someone
42. **Joe Rogan:** right.
43. **Director Patel:** to come in and say the opposite, right? And I used to do it all the time. I mean, I represented some of the worst humans that you can possibly imagine on earth. Literally the guys that, uh, were trafficking children from Mexico into America. And you could put up a professional expert to say. And this is what's gonna go on forever. And my job is not the forever.
44. **Director Patel:** My job is to get you absolutely everything that we can give you. And that's what we're gonna do.
45. **Joe Rogan:** When did you become aware of this video that showed that no one had gone in and out of the cell?
46. **Director Patel:** Um, recently.
47. **Joe Rogan:** Uh, so why was it recent though? I mean, if this death was, how long ago was this? Death? Two years?
48. **Director Patel:** Uh...
49. **Joe Rogan:** 2019 couple. 2019?
50. **Jamie:** 2019.
51. ****Joe Rogan:**** Oh really? Why? Time flies. So six years.
52. **Director Patel:** Uh. Well, again, that's part of what I'm gonna try to answer for you,
53. **Joe Rogan:** Jeffrey Epstein. J-L-C-C-T-V. Erased by technical errors. Whoopsies.
54. **Director Patel:** Yeah.
55. **Director Patel:** but you see how anybody on the out outside, I mean this is like a perfect storm.
56. **Director Patel:** Yeah.
57. **Joe Rogan:** For, so can you pull that article up?
58. **Joe Rogan:** So we read what it says, Jeremy, US prosecutor said the jail mistakenly saved footage from the wrong cell. Sorry. Epstein, a convicted sex offender. First tried to kill himself in July last year, and hanged himself in jail.
59. **Director Patel:** Hang on, hang on, hang on, hang on, hang on.
60. **Joe Rogan:** Yep.
61. **Director Patel:** Reread that line that he first tried to kill himself in July of last year.
62. **Joe Rogan:** Yeah. Yeah.
63. **Director Patel:** How much of the American public do you think knows that?
64. **Joe Rogan:** I didn't know that until right now.
65. **Director Patel:** There you go.
66. **Joe Rogan:** Maybe I heard it and forgot. Did you ever hear it, Jamie?
67. **Jamie:** Well, he was on, that's why he was on suicide watch, I think.
68. **Joe Rogan:** Oh, okay.
69. **Director Patel:** So a guy...
70. **Joe Rogan:** got himself in jail in August while serving trial on federal. Sex trafficking charge pleaded not guilty to abusing dozens of girls, some as young as 14. Yeah. Soon after Epstein's death in August two of the C CCC CCTV cameras outside his cell malfunction and were being examined by the FBI found semi-conscious in his prison cell with injuries on his neck on 25th of July after this incident is placed on suicide watch.
71. **Director Patel:** I'm not saying every single camera in the place was working. I'm saying we've got footage and you're getting it. [Joe Rogan:Mm-hmm] And. It, then you can make up your own mind.
72. **Joe Rogan:** Right.
73. **Joe Rogan:** And the theories can continue. But my job is to give you the...
74. **Joe Rogan:** so you became aware of this footage recently, the ones that we're looking at?
75. **Director Patel:** Yeah.

76. **Joe Rogan:** Right? [Director Patel: Yeah] and so, but this is like an article from quite a while ago that was saying that the footage was mistakenly erased.
77. **Director Patel:** Look, I mean, goes back to the same ask the people that were in power then. I mean, I get it that you wanna hold me to account for their actions and...
78. **Joe Rogan:** no, I'm not saying not you, I'm not saying that.
79. **Director Patel:** Not you the just the, the public in general. And that's okay.
80. **Joe Rogan:** What's confusing to everybody today? First of all, it's very confusing because AI can kind of make anything, you know, it's, which has gotta be a bizarre position for you to be in. Yeah. When you're looking at videos, I mean, I've watched Viking videos, it looked real as fuck. You know, they just make. Viking towns. I mean, it's really quite incredible what they're doing now, and it, it accelerates every month. I mean, I talked to Elon about it and he said, we're blown away. Literally every week, every week there's some new breakthrough that we're like, wow, we didn't expect that.
81. **Director Patel:** Well, I can tell you, after having looked at it, this ain't gonna be ai. You don't think so, you're gonna, it's, it's just not great. You know? It's like if it were ai, like someone wanted to come in and make it, they'd make it better.
82. **Joe Rogan:** But why would you make it better when people could, you know, you could have ambiguous.
83. **Director Patel:** Footage that is, you know, totally generated by ai, I mean, AI can generate blurry images. [Patel: Sure] AI can generate night vision. AI can generate essentially anything that's already existed. Mm-hmm. Like really shitty 1984 VHS tapes. They can do that. They can, but I'm telling you. I'm giving you the tape from the tape.
84. **Director Patel:** [Rogan: Mm-hmm] You know, there's just like, I'm giving you the documents from the vault, just like I'm giving you information to Congress on COVID origins or what have you. What we find is what you're getting.
85. **Joe Rogan:** Okay. So now it's saying in 2019, missing jail video from the first Jeffrey Epstein. So, so for the first attempt has been found. So maybe let's put it into perspective. Jails are not the most efficient, best run places. [Patel: Yeah] It's not like Fort Knox.
86. **Director Patel:** Yeah, it's, no, it's not. It's, [Rogan: yeah] you know, we're working with what we got. Right. So, and listen, this guy's not the only guy to kill himself in prison. It happens. I don't know how often...Right. All the time.
87. **Joe Rogan:** Even if he killed himself in prison, so if he, if he was murdered in prison. Crazy. Right? [Patel: yeah] You could see why Very powerful people wouldn't want him talking...
88. **Director Patel:** If he was murdered in segregated housing, in isolation after being on suicide watch in a place in a detention center that I've physically been in myself...it would be fiction. It's just in, in my experience, that is not doable. It's not doable,
89. **Joe Rogan:** Even for the most powerful and wealthiest people in the world?
90. **Director Patel:** Yeah.
91. **Joe Rogan:** Wouldn't you think though, that like if, if someone was in a position where a guy could release information that could potentially damage the most wealthy people on earth, you would have a concerted effort that's unprecedented?
92. **Joe Rogan:** Sure.
93. **Joe Rogan:** You'd have the resources that we couldn't even possibly comprehend. All pointing towards eliminating this one person that it could be done.
94. **Director Patel:** But I mean, so many people have been implicated, right already. And some of that informat..what did they did to Prince Andrew and everybody else is already out there.
95. **Director Patel:** And so that's the conspiracy stuff that me and Bonino and the folks have to say, look, we will give you everything we can, and then we will have done our job.
96. **Director Patel:** Also, if I had a shred. Me, CAS Patel had a shred of evidence. The Russiagate guy, the Jan six guy, the COVID origins guy, had a shred of evidence that this guy was murdered. I would be the first guy to bring this case hard and fast, and I would do even been doing press conferences every week on it. [Rogan: Mm-hmm] The first guy, that's what I'm asking people to play out to their logical conclusion. I'm not Comey, I'm not McCabe, I'm not

the guy that was in the seat before. I have a wildly different background. I've been putting out the truth my entire career. Why would I risk all of it on this guy? [Rogan: I believe] cast the letter.

97. **Joe Rogan:** Oh, I, I believe you. I just think that, you know, the problem is we've been fuming on this [Patel: sure] conspiracy for so long and it, we love conspiracies, don't we? No's it as a country. There's so it's good, right?
98. **Joe Rogan:** I mean, you know, they make the TV JFK tapes come on, like release the. Documents. We all love them. We love him. We love UFO ones. We love everything. We love the craziest conspiracies. They're exciting. We don't want to hear they're things that he tried to kill himself in July and then succeeded in August. And uh, look, I could imagine why the guy wanted to kill himself. He was going to jail for the rest of his fucking life. And in jail, sex offenders for children are not treated well.
99. **Director Patel:** And also by the way, most Americans have it, nor should they. Have you ever spent one minute in segregated housing? No. It's the worst, the absolute worst. Like you and your background, you could probably handle it. Right? Like, you know, just in all reality, most Americans, you put them in there for five seconds, they're gonna slam their head against the wall. Yeah. Literally they're gonna lose their mind. Yeah. Immediately. Yeah. It's that bad.
100. **Joe Rogan:** I'm sure. I could only imagine, and I could only imagine this guy knowing that it's over.
101. **Joe Rogan:** And what do you want to do? Do you want to, [Patel: yeah] And then, I mean, who knows who the fuck he's working for? Let's just put that aside. Now, if you're working for, let's just, we don't have to name names. We don't, we, we don't have to speculate. If he's working for some agency, some group, some foreign group, and they decide to target his family.
102. **Joe Rogan:** Because he look, he's gonna jail for the rest of his life anyway. Mm-hmm. They decided to target his family. Yeah. If he testifies against them, I could see where I, if I thought that it was like, I'm gonna be in jail for the rest of my life, or I tell, and my family winds up being killed. [Patel: Mm-hmm] Or, or destroyed. [Patel: Yeah]. Or who knows? Maybe you'd say, look, the honorable thing. Is to end it in prison.
103. **Director Patel:** Honorable, cowardly thing,
104. **Joe Rogan:** cowardly whatever, whatever it is. Like you just decide.
105. **Director Patel:** Also, at some point that guy was going back into gen pop. And the one thing I'll tell you about prison systems is the, the people they eat are child predators. [Rogan: Yes Well known] And he was gonna get eaten. [Rogan: Well known].
106. **Joe Rogan:** Yeah. And they probably wouldn't have protected him. Yeah. Um, so the narrative has always been that there's video. [Patel: Mm-hmm] Now what is the chain of custody? Do. Is there evidence that there is video? Is there evidence that it was moved around, stored, protected from people looking at it like...
107. **Director Patel:** you're gonna get all that information. Like that's literally what we're putting together and we're gonna give you every single thing we have and can. And that's the whole point. We can't fill gaps by making stuff up and we're not gonna do that.
108. **Joe Rogan:** And you have to be methodical.
109. **Director Patel:** And we have to be. That's the other thing, right? We're reviewing. Not just the video. We're reviewing ev you know, everything as meticulously as we can, because that's what we owe the American people. That's our job. And I don't wanna rush to the sticks or the podium and just say, Hey, look what we found. [Rogan: Right] And then be like, oh, sorry, I, I forgot the four seconds. You know, if we miss four seconds and be like, oh, well it's in the four seconds you missed. Right. So I, I'm, I'm free.
110. **Joe Rogan:** How much can you talk about what you've seen?
111. **Director Patel:** Not yet. Um, just, just what I've told you.
112. **Director Patel:** Can you say you've seen anything?
113. **Joe Rogan:** See, no. That's the point that there's nothing in there. Like in the video, you, you guys would be bored.
114. **Joe Rogan:** You're talking about the video of the murder?
115. **Director Patel:** Yeah. Yeah.
116. **Joe Rogan:** Or the, the suicide?

117. **Director Patel:** The suicide.
118. **Joe Rogan:** But what about the video of from the island?
119. **Director Patel:** Oh, that's d sorry. So you're talking about two different names. Yes. Sorry. So, yeah. So again, we're gonna give you everything we can, and people have to remember, we're not gonna re-victimize women. We're not gonna put that shit back out there. It's not happening.
120. **Joe Rogan:** 'cause then he wins. Not doing it. You wanna hate me for it? Fine. Again, logical play out. If there was a video of some guy or gal committing felonies on an island and I'm in charge, don't you think you'd see it?
121. **Joe Rogan:** If you have access to it?
122. **Director Patel:** If I have it, period. [Rogan: Right] If I have it. If I have it. So where else would it be?
123. **Joe Rogan:** Right. If you have it right, but you can't say that you have it.
124. **Director Patel:** No. We're giving you everything we have
125. **Joe Rogan:** so far.
126. **Director Patel:** Everything we have so far is the,
127. **Joe Rogan:** have you guys gone over all the video that's available?
128. **Director Patel:** Yeah. That's what I'm telling you. That's what takes so much damn time.
129. **Joe Rogan:** Right.
130. **Director Patel:** And,
131. **Joe Rogan:** and is there video from the island?
132. **Director Patel:** Not of what you want? The, the people out there have. Filled the void with can't wait to see X, Y, or Z.
133. **Joe Rogan:** Right...speculation.
134. **Director Patel:** And I'm like, here's the other thing I've been asking for, right? Openly. If you have information on this, call us. Tell us. The best resource we have is the American people in the world,
135. **Joe Rogan:** Right
136. **Director Patel:** Get me the tail numbers, get me the flight, you know, get me new information and I will run that down.
137. **Joe Rogan:** So this narrative might not be accurate, that there's video of these guys doing this. Exactly. Is it possible that the video was taken and destroyed?
138. **Joe Rogan:** Well, you're talking about what decades worth of stuff, right? Remember, we have what we have pursuant to lawful, uh, search warrants and authorities from the case that was done to, uh, however many years ago was done. That's what we have. If other people have other stuff and they wanna give it to us, bring it.
139. **Joe Rogan:** Have you guys reviewed everything that you have?
140. **Joe Rogan:** Almost like we're, that's, I mean, yes we have, and now we're figuring out how to. [Rogan: right] Put it out.
141. **Jamie:** since we were talking about fake news, this is gonna come up 'cause it's been going on since we've been recording here. [Rogan: Uh oh] Uh, Elon and Trump seem to be in a little bit of a spat. Joe, you wanna check the tweet that Elon just put out a little bit ago?
142. [Reading Elon's Tweet] Time to drop the really big bomb Donald Trump is in the Epstein files. That's the real reason. They have not been made public. Have a nice day. Jesus Christ.
143. **Director Patel:** I'm not participating in any of that conversation between Elon and.
144. **Joe Rogan:** Well, is he? Have a nice day. Someone should take his phone away.
145. **Jamie:** They're going back and forth about different things and Yeah, listen.
146. ****Jamie:**** Well, he said he was disappointed in Elon. They told him to leave.
147. **Joe Rogan:** Jesus Christ. That's a crazy thing to say. How does he know? Does he know that Donald Trump is in the Epstein files? Does he have access to the Epstein files?
148. **Jamie:** I'm just, I don't know how he would, but I'm just staying out of. The Trump Elon thing that's way outside my lane.

149. **Joe Rogan:** What the fuck are they doing?

150. **Jamie:** That's, uh, I know my lane and that ain't it.

151. **Joe Rogan:** I just don't, I mean, I understand he owns Twitter. I think it's bad for your mental health. I think posting things public all day and arguing with people all day is bad for you mental health.

152. ****Jamie:**** Well, you raise a great point. Sorry to cut you off. Rogan: Go ahead. Half of what we have to respond to are is the Click Army on social media.

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Exhibit A-39 House Speaker Johnson Admits Shutdown Causes "More Pain" While Refusing to Negotiate (100125)

1. **Johnson:** Right now on the shutdown, tens of thousands of visitors here, family, you have school groups that come and visit. They, they walk these grounds. Uh, we have about 7,000 people who visit this capitol each and every day, but today, that's not gonna be the case. Today, America's boys and girls will walk up to these doors and they'll see something different, a sign that says closed until further notice.
2. **Johnson:** And that's because at midnight, the Democrats followed through on their threat to shut down the United States government. As we speak here this morning, there are hundreds of thousands of federal workers who are getting their furlough notices. Nearly half of our civilian workforce is being sent home.
3. **Johnson:** These are hardworking Americans who work for our federal government. Our troops and our border patrol agents will have to go to work, but they'll be working without pay food assistance. Veterans benefits and vital support for women and children are all coming to a halt. Now, thankfully, president Trump is trying to mitigate the damage as much as possible.
4. **Johnson:** His administration is working to limit the harm to the American people, but the longer this goes on, the more pain will be inflicted because it is inevitable when the government shuts down. The, the, the sad thing about it is that every single bit of this was entirely avoidable. Democrats could have worked with us in a bipartisan manner to avert this unnecessary and very harmful shutdown.
5. **Johnson:** But instead, they did something that is rather shocking to us. They prioritized taxpayer funded benefits for illegal aliens over keeping the government open for American citizens. They themselves positioned that as a binary choice, and it's patently absurd. Listen to what the Democrats are demanding.
6. **Johnson:** They, they demanded in exchange for our simple clean 24 page bipartisan continuing resolution, the same one that Chuck Schumer and the Democrats voted for just a few months back in March. In exchange for that, they rejected it and they demanded something else. They wanted us to add over \$1.5 trillion in new federal spending, paid for, of course, by hard pay, hardworking, uh, American taxpayers simply for funding the government a current by current Biden level, uh, spending levels.
7. **Johnson:** We, we are not going to do that. We can't do that. We won't do it. Almost two weeks ago, the House did our job in the house. We passed a common sense nonpartisan Bill to keep the government open. Republicans did our job. We had one Democrat join us there, so it was bipartisan, but every other Democrat in the house voted to shut the government down.
8. **Johnson:** And last night, 44 Democrats in the Senate did the same thing. This is a clean resolution. It would simply by Congress a few more weeks, seven weeks to finish the job. Why do we need that time? So that appropriators in both parties can finish their work. They've been restoring regular order. They've passed 12 separate bills out of committee in the house, and the Senate has done its work as well.
9. **Johnson:** Three bills of the 12 passed in each chamber. They don't line up exactly. So there's a conference committee constituted the first time in years that that's happened. We just need more time because we ran out of clock, uh, the end of the fiscal year, September 30. This is very important to note. Democrats themselves have voted to pass a clean bipartisan cr just like this 13 times in the last few years during the four years of the Biden administration.
10. **Johnson:** 13 times this happened. Republicans did the responsible thing, even when we were in the minority to keep the government open, and today should be no different. There is nothing new in this legislation. There's no poison pill, there's no partisan tricks. There's no GAMTs whatsoever. The only difference today is the man who is sitting in the Oval Office, rather than work with President Trump and Republicans to get this job done, as our party has done repeatedly in the same situation over the years, Democrats wanna play political games with the lives and the livelihoods of Americans.

11. **Johnson:** The simple truth is Democrats and Congress have dragged our country into another reckless shutdown to satisfy their far left base. That is the truth, whether or not the government remains. Open or reopens is entirely up to them. There's still time for Democrats to pass this clean bipartisan bill that's sitting before them, and we encourage our Democrat colleagues to do that.
12. **Johnson:** I certainly pray they'll come to their senses soon and do the right and responsible thing. The reason they will have one more opportunity today is because of the sound leadership that is being provided in the US Senate by our colleagues, uh, who are standing here with us. This is a joint press conference, as you know, between leadership, republican leadership in the House and the Senate.
13. **Johnson:** And I'm delighted to yield to my good friend and an extraordinary leader in the Senate leader John Th.

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Exhibit A-40 House Speaker Johnson Claims Shutdown "Turns Legislative Branch Over to Executive" (100225)

1. **Johnson:** To reject the completely non-partisan, completely clean, very simple 24 page continuing resolution that we passed in the house here two weeks ago. Now, why did we do that for a refresher for everyone? We have been working very hard, this leadership team to get Congress working again. Congress has not done the appropriations process appropriately for many years now, and so we have forced the muscle memory back.
2. **Johnson:** Our appropriators have done a great job in bipartisan fashion, by the way. And they've worked very hard and passed 12 separate appropriations bills through the committee as it's supposed to be done. They, they, we passed three of those off the house floor. The Senate did its work for the first time in years.
3. **Johnson:** The Senate passed three appropriations bills off the floor. Tho those bills don't match up. Exactly. So the way the system works, everybody remembers from civics is that when the two chambers have bills that don't align perfectly. You, you put together a conference committee that's been done. All of that work's, been, been, been done very deliberately, very carefully, and as good stewards of taxpayer resources.
4. **Johnson:** The problem is we ran out of time because the end of the fiscal year is September 30th. So we sent over, we did the logical, simple, good faith thing instead of loading up a continuing resolution to keep the lights on, to keep the government open so this process can continue. Instead of loading it up with poison pills or gimmicks or tricks, we sent over a very simple continuing resolution that every single Democrat in the Senate has voted for in the past, just to keep the government open for the people so that we could get to November 21st, seven weeks to allow more time for this process to play out.
5. **Johnson:** That is what happened. Now, the Democrats did something they've never done before. Chuck Schumer has led them all to vote against it. Everybody's been discussing this for the last few days. Why in the world would Chuck Schumer do a 180 degree turn? Because he said passionately as recently as March of this year on the same instrument, the same cr, that it would be reckless and irresponsible and dangerous to close down the federal government.
6. **Johnson:** Why did Chuck Schumer change his tune? Everybody knows that now he's trying to avoid a challenge from his left flank in his next Senate reelection campaign, and, and he wants to avoid the scrutiny that he received for doing the right thing back in March because the far left and the base. Uh, really went crazy on poor Chuck Schumer, and so he changed his tune, and now they're trying to pretend it's about something completely different.
7. **Johnson:** They have made a decision that they would rather give taxpayer funded benefits to illegal aliens than to keep the doors open for the American people to keep vital services, veteran services, healthcare and nutrition. For women, infants and children, they'd, they would rather not pay the troops and TSA agents, a border patrol agent.
8. **Johnson:** They would rather stop services of FEMA in the middle of a hurricane season than to do the right thing for partisan political purposes. It is selfish, it's reprehensible, and it is exactly the opposite of what they have all said themselves in their own words, very passionately. Every day until now, we've been playing the the greatest hits loop here on a video right outside the speaker's office for days.
9. **Johnson:** You've all seen it. Make them answer for that. Right. Don't, don't ask the Republicans what we should be doing or what we should be negotiating. I don't have anything to negotiate. I sent them in good faith exactly what they had voted for before. We did not put any Republican provisions in that, and we tried to make this very simple in good faith.
10. **Johnson:** So the appropriations process of the people can continue. Now, let me, there's been a lot of talk about, they say that we're making this up, this illegal aliens receiving taxpayer benefits. It's a talking point. They said, I wanna remind you of a couple of key facts. Everybody can remember, I think back to 2020 in the presidential, uh, debate, uh, for all the candidates on the Democrat side.
11. **Johnson:** You might remember famously they were asked the question, raise your hand. They said on the stage, if you believe that illegal aliens should receive healthcare paid for by American taxpayers, every single one of them raised their hand to great applause in the audience from the Democrats who were there.
12. **Johnson:** Those hands included Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Now, what did they do? Did they follow through in that promise? Yeah, they absolutely did. Joe Biden used executive orders and he expanded benefits healthcare to illegal aliens in his four year term. That was an outrageous violation of the existing federal law and of the principles of good stewardship.
13. **Johnson:** The, those resources are not meant for people who break the law and come into our country. They're meant for US citizens, and so they watered down these health programs. It was terribly dangerous then, so we, we, we got the majority. President Trump has returned, uh, to the Oval Office with a mandate of 75 million Americans, this big popular vote win the House.
14. **Johnson:** Republicans received our largest popular vote total in the history of this institution. Uh, republicans went immediately to work and we passed the one big beautiful bill, the Working Families Tax Cut, and we fulfilled all the promises that we made. One of the key promises that we made, because you all know that the open border was probably the number one issue in the election cycle.
15. **Johnson:** Was that we would end that madness. We would cut off resources, hard earned taxpayer dollars by American citizens, not going to reward people for breaking our law and coming over the border. And we did that. The one big, big, beautiful bill, the working families tax cut included a huge provision. A big chunk of that bill was the health provisions.
16. **Johnson:** Now, why are we saying that they wanna return and restore, uh, taxpayer funded benefits to illegal aliens? Because that's exactly what they did. When they rejected the clean CR that we sent over the Senate, filed the Senate Democrats, Chuck Schumer filed a counter proposal. Now, what was in that counter proposal?
17. **Johnson:** You can see it for yourselves. In fact, if you're watching at home, go to my website right now, speaker.gov. Go to the press releases tab and you'll see it. It's listed right there. Just click on it. I'd like you to turn in your hymnals to page 57. Okay, section 2141. It is there in black letter. They filed this.
18. **Johnson:** This is not a talking point. This is what they propose. They wanted to add instead of the clean CR that keeps the government open for seven more weeks to allow us to finish the work, they proposed a wild list of partisan priorities among them. They wanna return a half a billion dollars to the Corporation for public broadcasting to prop up, uh, left leaning and biased media organizations.
19. **Johnson:** We're not doing that. The American people don't want us to do that. We don't need the Corporation for Public Broadcasting funded by taxpayers anymore. Because we're in their age of ubiquitous media. There's what, 200 of you guys here? There's so many outlets. We don't need to do that. We're not gonna do that.
20. **Johnson:** They also, they wanted to cut in the Democrats counter proposal. I want you to read it for yourself. speaker.gov. Go there and check it out. They want to remove the rural hospital fund that Republicans fought so hard to put into the one big, beautiful bill. We set \$50 billion aside to take care of rural hospitals.
21. **Johnson:** Why would Chuck Schumer want to get rid of that? I don't know. A lot of those rural hospitals are in red states. You have to decide for yourself what the motivations are here. But they say they're for healthcare. Why would they wanna do that? The other thing that they put in there is very important and, and on page 57, in section 21, 41, not a Republican talking point read from the Democrats document themselves.
22. **Johnson:** They said that they wanna repeal the health provisions of the one big beautiful bill. And why is that so important? Because I wanna tell you what, what that those health provisions did. They eliminated. All of the, the, uh, taxpayer funded benefits go into illegals. There was, there was an amendment that was sent over to the Senate to ensure that illegals would not be getting healthcare paid for by taxpayer dollars.
23. **Johnson:** Illegal aliens. Okay. 43 of the 47 Senate, Senate Democrats voted against that. This is just a few months ago. The bill was signed in law July 4th, and we cut all of that out. Let me, let me tell you what. Uh, some of those things are the Democrats counter-proposal cr, the dirty CR we call it as deposed to the clean CR would result in nearly \$200 billion being spent on illegal aliens and other non-citizens.
24. **Johnson:** Let me be specific. This is just a few of those, the reforms that we put in that they want to repeal. And, and, uh, reverse number one, a provision that closes the California loophole. Now that's a, a provision that's also been adopted by states like New York and Michigan and Massachusetts. Other states have followed other blue states.
25. **Johnson:** The California loophole allows taxpayer funded Medicaid for illegal aliens. We eliminated that in the big beautiful bill. Their repeal, their counter offer is to repeal and reverse that, that would cost \$34 billion of US taxpayer funds. Number two, a provision that prohibits Medicaid. From paying more for emergency care provided to illegal aliens than it does for American patients who are disabled or elderly or children.

26. **Johnson:** They want, we, we eliminated that in their counter proposal that they have filed that you can read yourself. They wanna repeal that that would cost taxpayers *28 billion. Here's another one. Number three, they, they've counterproposed a provision that ends the Obamacare funding for nonnon — citizens. The cost of that repeal* 91 billion to all of you.
27. **Johnson:** Taxpayers, hardworking American citizens would be funding that. A provision that repeals the Obamacare special rule for immigrants that cost, uh, would be 27 billion for taxpayers, a provision that ends Medicaid funding for those improperly granted asylum and parole under President Biden's open borders.
28. **Johnson:** The cost of that would be 6 billion. I think that's actually a low estimate. You know, president Biden intentionally opened the border in Kamala Harris for four straight years, by some estimates, 20 million. Illegal aliens came from every country all around the world, and a lot of dangerous people came into the the country.
29. **Johnson:** And you know what they did? They granted 'em all asylum. They gave 'em all this parole status so that they could get roll onto taxpayer benefits. We've all been funding that. Republicans said, no, that does not comport with common sense. We're gonna do right by Americans and not everybody else. We're not gonna incentivize illegal immigration.
30. **Johnson:** And that's exactly what Biden and Harris did. It's what President Trump. Trump ran on to end. And we did that. It took president about two months and they closed that border tight. We don't have that problem anymore, but we still gotta deal with the tens of millions of people who are here illegally. We're working on that.
31. **Johnson:** So the democrats, so-called reasonable counter proposal would reverse all those common sense reforms I just listed and more, and I don't want you to take our word for it. I, I don't want you to regard this as some talking point. I want you to go read it for yourselves, speaker.gov, go to press releases.
32. **Johnson:** You'll see it's the first thing listed. Click on the bill and go through it yourself and you'll see it. The result of all this would be \$200 billion at least, and taxpayer funded benefits going straight to illegal aliens. Those are the simple facts. They cannot refute it. We have been making the rounds in all the media and every, every mainstream media outlet that we can get to over the last few days, and no one, no one can challenge the facts that are on the paper.
33. **Johnson:** It's right there for everybody to see themselves. Uh, we have lots to say about that and I'll answer some questions, but I want you to hear from the rest of the leadership team and our majority leader has been working really hard on this. All this is, uh, Mr. Steve Scalise leader.

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[defendant Mike Johnson takes stage]

34. **Reporter:** Thank you. Right here. Yeah. Does the President have the constitutional authority just because of the shutdown, to lay off thousands of federal government workers or withhold funding for congressionally approved projects that are on, sorry.
35. **Johnson:** Um, yeah, he does. Okay. This is the way the system works. This is Chuck Schumer's Decision is to hand, as I said on a couple interviews yesterday, the keys to the kingdom, to the president, right. He has, he has put himself in that situation and it's completely unnecessary. The President takes no pleasure in this. The president did not want a shut down. I'm telling you this from, from my own testimony. I was in the Oval Office. He pleaded with Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries to do the right thing, keep the government open. We'll talk about all these other issues later 'cause that's how the process works. But falling, failing that because they have decided to vote to shut the government down, they have now effectively turned off the legislative branch, the Article two branch of. Or the Article one, sorry. The article one branch of, uh, of, of, of our government and they've turned it over to the executive.
36. **Johnson:** Okay, so in that situation, when Congress turns off the funding and the funding runs out, it is up to the commander in chief, the President of the United States, to determine how those resources will be spent. He has that responsibility given to him by the Democrats and the Senate. They can't complain about it, and he doesn't want to do it, but in this scenario, what they have to do is make very difficult decisions.
37. **Johnson:** Most of the responsibility falls to Russ Vote. He's the director of the Office of Management and Budget As you go. As you know, whomever is seated in the chair at OMB during a shutdown has to do the same thing. Ru d Russ does this reluctantly. We had a 45 minute, uh, telephone conference with him yesterday.
38. **Johnson:** He talked to all the House Republicans. He takes no pleasure in this because Russ has to sit down and decide because he's in charge of that office, which policies, personnel, and which programs are essential and which are not. That is not a fun task. And he is not enjoying that responsibility. And it could end today if the Senate Democrats would come to their senses and do the right thing for the American people.
39. **Johnson:** But if they don't, and if they keep the government closed, it's gonna get more and more painful because the resources run out. And more and more things have to be reduced and eliminated.
40. **Johnson:** Now, when he sits down as the director of OMB, he will obviously, uh, have a, a subjective determination on, on, on the priorities. And what do you think he would do? Because what would any OMB director do under any president? They're gonna look to see for the administration's priorities first and ensure that those are funded. And so that, that's some, those are some very serious determinations that have to be made. We want to protect hardworking federal workers, and these are people who protect all the rest of us. By the way, we mentioned T-A-S-T-S-A agents, border Patrol agents, our troops, the military. Are not being paid. And so they're inflicting hardship on people for no reason. Is it constitutional? Is it lawful? Is it part of our system? Of course it is. It always has been. And this Democrats are the ones who have decided to inflict the pain, not the president.
41. **Reporter:** You all have to share polling showing the American public is on your side. I'm wondering if those layoffs happen in mass as federal workers are. Lose the support of the public in that hearing?
42. **Johnson:** No, I mean, look, the reason that we're talking with you so plainly today is to explain to every single American citizen why this is happening. How in the world could they blame the people here who have done our job and sent over a clean CR to keep the lights on?
43. **Johnson:** There is no, there is no gimmick. People say, why aren't you negotiating with, with Schumer and Jefferies? Because I quite literally have nothing to negotiate. There's nothing I can pull out of the bill that was a Republican priority to say, oh, we won't do that. Why don't you guys vote for it now? I don't have anything.
44. **Johnson:** I didn't put anything in it to send it over. I'm stunned. I'm stunned that they have decided to shut the government down and hurt people. It is on them a hundred percent. The New York Times poll that was put on the Senate floor, uh, yesterday, I think it was day before, uh, they pointed out to Chuck Schumer, who's from New York, of course, that the New York Times clearly not a right leaning organization in, uh, publication has found that 65% of respondents said, please, Democrats don't shut the government down 'cause you don't get what you want.
45. **Johnson:** Many of them. Remember in New York, of course, what? Chuck Schumer and a OC and all the rest A OC, literally said that on the house floor several months back. She said, it's not normal to shut the government down just because you don't get what you want. Well, what changed? What changed? It's on them and not us.
46. **Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.
47. **Reporter:** We've learned that the Senate obviously may take up your bill again, but if it fails, we've been told that possible senators could go home for the weekend. They won't hold any votes until Monday. Do you think the Senate needs to stay?
48. **Johnson:** Of course they do. Of course they do. And, and the house is coming back next week hoping that they will be sending us something to, uh, to work on, that we can get back to work and do the people's business. They're anxious to come back, but the, the Senate Democrats, 44 of them. All the pressure should be on the 44 Democrats who were dug in to try to pander to the far left corner of their base. That's what this is. How important is it to, to appeal to the radical left of your base and hurt Americans? 'cause if they drag this on through the weekend, more and more people will be hurt more.
49. **Johnson:** I, I want you to think, I, I come from a big military district. Okay. Louisiana's fourth congressional district is home to Barksdale Air Force Base and the, the command of global strike. The global strike command is in my district, in the south part of my district. We have Fort Polk in the Joint Readiness Training Center. I have lots of active duty military and lots of veterans.
50. **Johnson:** I, I want you to think about the young airmen or, or, or the young soldier who's deployed right now defending our freedom and all of us in America's interests, and they've left, I think of this, this one particular family, this, this gentleman is deployed.

51. **Johnson:** He's got a young wife at home and they have three small children under the age of six. She's not gonna get a paycheck as long as Chuck Schumer's playing political games up here. It. They, they don't have a big, I know this family well, they don't have a large tranche of savings. Okay. This is gonna be a serious hardship.
52. **Johnson:** She won't be able to make the car note. She, she won't be able to maybe pay for groceries for the kids because Chuck Schumer's up here playing games to pander to the far left of this space. It's outrageous. Real people are getting hurt. Veterans are not getting healthcare services. We have suicide prevention programs.
53. **Johnson:** Okay? That will not be funded because of this, this is not a game. FEMA services, if you, if your, your flood insurance laps right now. And you need to renew it. You can't do that right now. We have hurricanes off the coast of the United States right now that if you buy a home and you're, and flood insurance is required, which is, is, is in so many places around the country, you can't close on your home right now.
54. **Johnson:** 'cause Chuck Schumer and 43 friends in the Democrat sins in the, uh, friends in the Senator are making a game out of this. It is ridiculous. It is irresponsible and dangerous. We'll come in at any hour, at any day to get the job done, but they won't. Yes,
55. **Reporter:** Mr. Mr. Senator. Million dollars in AC subsidies fraud. I know congressional Republican have been looking at this issue with the Obamacare tax subsidies with those estimates. Do you have any concerns about that? And also, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and 88 Total Pro-life organizations have said they are concerned that amendment is being a burden, those Obama subsidies, and that people are getting abortion through that. So are conservatives concerned about those?
56. **Johnson:** Yeah, we, yeah. Conservatives are very concerned about the subsidies. Um, not only that, but they're subsidizing, not, not American citizens. They're subsidizing insurance companies with that, which has driven premiums up. It's, it's got lots of problems. Okay. Uh, I was in the Oval Office with the president, with Leader Thune, leader Jefferies and Leader Schumer a few days ago, and Leader Thune rightfully said to Chuck Schumer, that is a red herring in this, and you all know it.
57. **Johnson:** That is a, uh, the, the subsidies that you're referring to. Don't expire until December 31st. We're at the end of September. You're, you're trying to take a December policy issue and, and insert it into this discussion about whether we're gonna keep government operating for the people that that is, that is a ploy.
58. **Johnson:** They, they, they've done that simply so that they can show a fight against Trump and Republicans. Lemme tell you what that is all about. There'll be lots of thoughtful discussion, deliberation and debate about that 'cause there's lots of opinions and it needs major reform. Leader Thune told leader Schumer very clearly in front of the president. Before that's even considered, you have to take on real reforms to address those issues. And they, they, they demonstrated right there in front of the president. He saw it for himself. That's not a simple issue. That's gonna take weeks to, to deliberate and discuss and debate, but that's the beauty of the process.
59. **Johnson:** We have three months to do that. That is not an issue for today. The day. The only issue is whether they're gonna vote to keep the government operating for the people. Clear, plain and simple.
60. **Reporter:** Speaker, speaker, Mr. Speaker, thank you so much, Democrats. Not only have health insurance for illegals, but some of your democratic colleagues over in the Senate are also talking about EI programs that Democrats wanna bring back. Can you elaborate on that?
61. **Johnson:** Yes. There, there's all sorts of, remember we sent over a a 24 page clean cr, they sent over this thing that you'll have to see on my website to believe it yourself, but it's all chockfull of all sorts of crazy things that they wanna restore. And DEI is one of always been one of their, uh, big priorities.
62. **Johnson:** They wanna spend one. Remember, 1.5 trillion new dollars of spending is what they're demanding to keep the lights on around here. It's absurd and they should know it. They're all wrapped around the axle about these woke progressive programs being ended, but that's what the election was about, that that woke progressive, progressive stuff is what the American people rejected.
63. **Johnson:** Some of our Democrat colleagues here are doubling, tripling down on it. Good luck with that. Good luck with that. For the midterm election.
64. **Reporter:** Mr. The President posted on true social this morning that the meeting is to determine which of the Democrat agencies they recommend to be cut.
65. **Johnson:** This is in addition to the money for New York for the transit funding being cut and addition to Blue states seeing their energy funding. Cut. Uh, two questions on this. I mean, do you, do you think this is political targeting? Is that appropriate and then in addition, [Speaker interjection: no] HUD had on its agency webpage blaming radical Democrats for this. Is that an appropriate use of taxpayer money being Overtly political? It's something we haven't seen before.
66. **Johnson:** I think what the HUD website says is the objective truth that we're telling you right now. There are 44 Democrats in a Senate, and by the way, every Democrat in the house except one who voted to shut the government down, they are the ones that made that decision.
67. **Johnson:** The, the White House and the Executive branch take no pleasure in this, but when they are, uh, tasked with, with determining what their priorities are, obviously they're going to do, they're gonna follow their principles and priorities and not the other team. That's, that's the, the results of an election that everybody.
68. **Johnson:** Uh, voted in popular election in electoral college entire country. And these are Democratic states. I'm, and that's why I'm pleading with the entire, entire country to call your senators, your Democrat senators, the 44 people who wanna shut the government down. You should call 'em right now and tell 'em to get here and get to work and open the country up for the people.
69. **Johnson:** So many of you asked me this morning about sombreros and memes and why, why Hakeem Jeffries is all alarmed by that. But look, these are games, these are sideshow people are getting caught up in. In, in battles over social media, memes. We've gotta keep the, this is not a game. We gotta keep the government open for the people.
70. **Johnson:** I don't know why this is so complicated, and to my friend Hakeem, who I was asked about, man, just ignore it. I mean, Gavin Newsom was trolling me last night. He, he, he, he painted me like a minion. He painted me yellow with big glasses and overalls, and I thought it was hilarious. You, you don't respond to it.
71. **Johnson:** For all my friends, for all my friends. Rs and Ds don't respond to it. Get to work, do the people's business and let's get on with it. Thank Y all so much.

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Exhibit A-41: President Trump's Threatening "Grim Reaper" Lyrics Depicting Harm to Democratic Officials (100325)

1. Now their time has come.
2. Here the power's gone
3. Russ Vought is the reaper
4. He wields a pen, the funds, and the brain
5. here comes the reaper
6. Dems you babies
7. Here Comes the Reaper
8. Gonna tie your hands
9. Here comes the reaper
10. Wont be able to fly
11. Here comes the reaper
12. Cry baby end your plan
13. Blah blah blah blah blah x2

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Exhibit A-43 Trump Promises Norfolk Navy Pay Raise Conditional Upon Taking Care of Democratic Gnats (100625)

[Transcript begin]

1. **Trump:** Only know victory. We're only gonna know victory. We don't want to know the other. The other word we wanna know, victory. We're gonna have great victories in the years to come. Well, at least for almost three and a half years, we're gonna have great victories.
2. **Trump:** I wanna thank a group of women from North Carolina. Look at these. Great. Will you stand up, please? These beautiful women have followed me. This is number 151. You could call a rally. This is sort of a rally. Let's face it. This is a rally, this is a, a speech of love. We're all, we all love our country, but that group is from North Carolina. They're up to about 151 visits.
3. **Trump:** They have a whole group of them. I never see their husbands. I don't know what's going on with their husbands, I assume. Do they still love you? The husbands? Yes. Good. But I wanna thank you 151. They've been following me since 20. 16, and you look even better now than you did then, but I want to thank you very much.
4. **Trump:** It's a really group. They love our country. They like Trump, but you know what they really do? They love our country and we have the right policy, right? We have policy. We don't want crime. We don't want men playing in women's sports. We don't want transgender for everybody. We don't wanna have open borders where millions of people come into our country, from jails, from prisons, from mental institutions, and insane asylums.
5. **Trump:** Drug dealers murderers, 11,788 murderers were allowed to come into our country. A lot. A lot of them are gone. And by the way, Washington DC is a safe place right now. It went from one of the most dangerous cities in our country. Can you believe that? To probably the safest among the safest in our country.
6. **Trump:** Nobody's being hit. Anymore. It's very safe and I want to thank you. A lot of the people here have helped. A lot of the people in the audience are people that have straightened them out. It took 12 days. Think of that. Now we're in Memphis. We're doing the same thing in Memphis, and we're going to Chicago.
7. **Trump:** You know, we have a governor that thinks it's wonderful when 50 people in a short period of time were murdered in Chicago. Over 200 people were hit, and so we send in. The National Guard, we se I, you know what? We send in what's ever necessary. People don't care. They want to, they don't want crime in their cities.
8. **Trump:** And we're doing it. And we're doing it well. We're doing it like nobody's ever done it before. So I just want to tell you, you're very close to dc. The restaurants are thriving, the restaurants are dying. They were closing one after another. Now they're thriving. They're opening up beautiful new restaurants.
9. **Trump:** Washington DC is safe. And I even went there and had dinner the other night. And I stood right smack in the middle of the street. Secret Service was thrilled and I gave a news conference. It's a safe place now, Washington, dc it's always gonna be. Our nation's capital is always gonna be safe. We're never gonna let that happen again.
10. **Trump:** What happened there? One of the most beautiful places that we're doing a big beautification program. It'll take me very little, very short. But we're doing a beautification program to go along with the security and safety. We're getting rid of the graffiti, the potholes, the broken medians between roads.
11. **Trump:** We're doing a real job and you'd be proud of it. I think everybody here is proud of it, frankly. That's our nation's capital, and that has to be clean, beautiful, and safe. The US Navy always stands for Americas Your Commander in Chief. I will always stand for you. I promise you that you know that. That's why you voted for me and.
12. **Trump:** Numbers that nobody's ever seen before, and I want you to know that despite the current Democrat induced shutdown, we will get our service members every last penny. Don't worry about it. Don't worry about it. You'll worry about it.

13. **Trump:** Do not worry about it. It's all coming. It's coming. And even more because I'm supporting the across the board pay raises for every sailor and service member of the United States Armed Forces.
14. **Trump:** But we have to take care of this little gnat that's on our shoulder called the Democrats. They want to give all of our money to illegal aliens that pour into the country. And you know, I have a bigger heart than they do, but the problem is when you do that, they come in by the millions. Everybody wants that, so you can't do it.

[Transcript end]

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Date: October 6, 2025

Exhibit: R-44 House Speaker Johnson Refuses Negotiation While Blaming Democrats (100725)

[Transcript Begins]

1. **Johnson:** What I would summarize as, uh, six simple truths about the shutdown. I started with the background, a review of how we got to where we are, and then talked with you about the Democrat's counter proposal and some of the absurd things that they've been demanding to reopen the government. And then I gave you an update on the current status.
2. **Johnson:** We did some questions. Well, sadly, that status has not changed. As you know, last night, uh, the Senate, uh, Democrats, the same group. Uh, voted again to keep the government closed. So that was their fifth vote to shut the government down on the American people. Uh, it is regrettable and sad and real pain is being felt by real people because of these Political shenanigans.
3. **Johnson:** So today, um, instead of the six simple truths, I'm gonna give, give you five key facts. Okay. And then we'll do some questions. I'll be more brief today. I do think it is incumbent upon us to mark the tragic anniversary of October 7th. And I'll just say just a very brief word about that.
4. **Johnson:** There's a lot that could be said, but there are protests right now around the country and around the world against Israel. And it makes no sense. We have to remember what October 7th, uh, marks was a massacre. Uh, you had 1200 people that were murdered, many of them tortured and raped. I mean, just the most heinous crimes, blood thirsty, Hamas terrorists went into, uh, villages of Jewish people in Israel and murdered babies and put them in ovens. I, it's unspeakable and I won't go into the. The gross detail of what happened, but it was just terribly, terribly tragic. And, and then of course they kidnapped 250 people. It was the the darkest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. And these are objective facts. And right now there are people protesting against Israel for fighting a war to defend their people in their homeland. And I would just say this very brief, I was on a radio interview this morning at WABC in New York. Um, one of my friends there is Sid Rosenberg, and he, he is the host of that program. And, and he is himself Jewish. And we were talking about this and, and, and we were talking about the good versus evil thing. And, and he said a lot of Jewish people today are dejected because they see these protests a around the globe and against the wrong side. And I just said to Sid, and I'll read it to you. I brought my Bible in here this morning. Lemme just tell you, I said Sid, I'm always comforted by this passage in, in the Psalms, the Old Testament, the Christian Old Testament. But um, this is the Psalm of the Jewish people, the Psalm of David, Psalm 37, and it says, commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him and he will do this. I read it to you. Uh, trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him and he will do this. He'll make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause. Like the noonday sun, it says, be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Do not fret. When your enemies succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. I told my friends Sid on the radio and he was comforted by it. And I think others will be as well. We're all comforted by this. I know that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is fully in control. We'll let that rest there.
5. **Johnson:** Um, lemme, lemme talk about the shutdown here real quick. And I, I promised you just five fast facts. Five key facts. Okay. I'm gonna start with. Leader Schumer's record because he's leading the opposition and he is the one telling the Democrats to keep the government shut down. Chuck Schumer has been in Congress for 44 years. He was first elected to the house in 1981, just for reference. I was nine years old. I was in the third grade when Chuck Schumer came here to Congress. Throughout his entire career, he has been very, very consistent about, uh, the necessity of keeping the government open. Until just now. In fact, I want to, I wanna read to you an excerpt from seven months ago, his floor speech on March 13th, 2025.
6. **Johnson:** This is Senator Chuck Schumer in March of this year, quote on the Senate floor. While the CR bill is very bad, the potential for a shutdown has consequences for America that are much, much worse. I believe it is my job to make the best choice for the country to minimize the harms of the American people. Therefore, I will vote to keep the government open and not shut it down, unquote. Now, what was Chuck Schumer talking about? The exact same bill that is on the floor today. That's what he himself said, and he did vote to keep the government open. And then during an interview with Jake Tapper on CNN, following that vote on March 14th of this year, he said, quote, I'm proud I did it. I know I did the right thing. That is Chuck Schumer himself. Today's the exact same scenario. It is the exact same vote. It is the exact same spending levels, and he has no reason whatsoever to do anything different except for the politics. So that's fact number two. Fact number one was Schumer's record fact number two. Is his calculation today. It is purely about politics. He is recognizing the reality of the political winds changing in the state of New York.
7. **Johnson:** As I mentioned yesterday, they are likely to elect a Marxist to be the mayor of New York City and Chuck sch risk terrified by that. He's been in Congress a long, long time and he is not, uh, the flavor of the day. He's not far enough left for the Marxist. And he knows he's gonna get a challenge from his left flank. So he has to show a fight against President Trump, no matter how ridiculous it is, no matter how distracting it may be to the actual issues of the day, he's gotta do that.
8. **Johnson:** Democrats have been in the political wilderness since last year's election. I got a couple of numbers for you here. Just over a week ago, Quinnipiac released a, uh, their, the, uh, the latest poll, the lowest favorability rating for the Democrat party ever recorded. They're at about 30%, 30% favorability.
9. **Johnson:** Democrats have hit historic lows and poll after poll since the beginning of this year. Wall Street Journal poll, CNBC poll, the Pew Survey, et cetera, et cetera. Um, you've all seen it. Many of you reported on it, have reported on it, and that is a fact. That is inescapable. Third Fast Fact. This morning the Democrat's record on the crs.
10. **Johnson:** You know about Chuck Schumer's record, but they've all done it. Democrats and Republicans have worked together to pass 13 crs to keep the government open under the Biden administration. In the previous four year term, Democrats supported every CR close to unanimously in the House and the Senate. In fact, their average is 99%.
11. **Johnson:** 99% of the Democrats who are voting no right now voted yes. 13 times on the almost exact same word for word, very simple CRS to keep the government open. But they won't do it. Now, the fourth fast fact this morning is the actual cost of the Democrat's CR Counter proposal. I showed you all the, the graphics and all the evidence, and it's still there on my website@speaker.gov, you can go and see the Democrat's counter proposal, what they're demanding to reopen the government and get it working for the American people again.
12. **Johnson:** It would result in nearly
200 billion being spent on healthcare services for illegal immigrants and other non — citizens. It's enough to fund the entire children's health insurance program,
200 billion, and that's just part of the \$1.5 trillion in new spending that they want to hoist upon the American people For big liberal wishlists.
13. **Johnson:** In the middle of a very simple seven week stop GAPP funding measure to keep the lights on. Fifth, fast fact, and I'll take your questions. The cost of the government shutdowns for real people, so the, this results in crippling economic losses. Right now, these are the latest numbers. We've been assembling these and I'm sure you, many of you all have been reporting on it.
14. **Johnson:** Each week the shutdown continues, it will wipe out an estimated \$15 billion in our gross domestic product in our country. Uh, a month long shutdown would mean not just 750,000 federal civilian employees furloughed right now, but an additional 43,000 more unemployed Americans across the economy because that is the effect, the ripple effect that it has in the private sector.
15. **Johnson:** You could go state by state and, and we could have charts and graphs this morning and show you what it's gonna mean to every state, but what the shutdown means in the state of New York, for example. That's Chuck Schumer State. It. The impact there is a decline of \$1.2 billion per month in GDP. That is the pain that is being robbed.
16. **Johnson:** And I again have to mention that when you shut down, as they have women infants and children nutrition programs, veterans health services, the disabled, the elderly who receive healthcare at home, all these programs have now, are now being shuttered because the funding streams have have stopped. We have troops.
17. **Johnson:** We have, uh, border patrol agents, TSA, agents that are all serving, protecting all of us, protecting the country without pay right now, real hardships for real families and it cannot drag on any longer. We are pleading with the Democrats and the Senate to do the right thing. The Republicans are united 100%, and we have proven it with our

votes.

18. **Johnson:** The president, the, the Republicans in the Senate, and of course the Republicans in the house. Have done the right thing. We have, we have all advocated to keep the government open. We have all voted repeatedly over and over to keep the government open and it comes down to the necessity of 60 votes. In a Senate, we only have 53 Republicans, and so we have to have a handful of Democrats who will wake up and do the right thing and stop inflicting pain on the American people so that they can score political points.
19. **Johnson:** I'll take your questions. Yes, ma'am.
20. **Reporter:** Hey, I would like to know, do you think all those federal employees will receive the back pay if they keep their job? And then also we saw the Democrats who are almost **500million for. Um, PBS and NPR** 174,000 in death benefits to those three Democrat lawmakers families who recently passed away, 437 million for the European Bank. Could you also comment on those three provisions too?
21. **Johnson:** Yes. I mentioned in the counter proposal the CR for the, the, the Democrats presented. It's \$1.5 trillion, and if you go through it and we have, and you analyze what it is they're requesting, it's, it's a list of. Absurd priorities. They know that we could never do that and would never do it because it's wrong.
22. **Johnson:** For example, they wanna give a half a billion dollars back to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the one big, beautiful bill. We eliminated that line. We don't believe that taxpayers should be funding biased news organizations and, and, and subsidizing their operations that might have made sense 30 or 40 years ago.
23. **Johnson:** But you, you don't need that service anymore. Look how many media outlets are present in the room this morning. Media and information is ubiquitous. It's, it's, it's 24 7. It's, it's live all the time and it's on the internet. We don't need taxpayers funding that. And they were all left-leaning bias organizations we're not doing that again.
24. **Johnson:** And some of these other priorities that you mentioned, there are many that we could list that are just outrageous. It has nothing to do, nothing to do. With the current proposal to keep the government in operation for seven more weeks so that we continue the appropriations process, we're trying to fund the government, and you need Republicans and Democrats to work together to get that done.
25. **Johnson:** With regard to the the, to the, uh, whether the furloughed civilian employees of the federal government will receive back pay, it is true that in previous shutdowns, many or most of them have. Been paid for the time that they were furloughed, but there is new legal analysis. I don't know the details. I just saw a headline this morning.
26. **Johnson:** I'm not read in on it and I haven't spoken to the White House about it, but there are some legal analysts who are saying that that may not be, uh, appropriate or necessary in terms of the law requiring that back pay be provided. So I'm sure that'll be a a, there'll be a lot of discussion about that.
27. **Johnson:** But there are legal analysts who, who think that that is not something that government should do. That if that is true, that should turn up the urgency and the necessity of the Democrats doing the right thing here. Even more pain, more than I just listed for more people. So we gotta figure it out. Backrow?
28. **Johnson:** Yes sir.
29. **Reporter:** You've spoken repeatedly since to shut down again about, um, the impact on female, the national flood insurance programs. Talk about how you're from a hurricane state. Uh, if this is a priority for you, why not bring the house back and vote on a reauthorization for NFIP or for WIC or troops pay or all those things for that matter?
30. **Johnson:** Well, there's a lot of issues that we need to address, and we work on flood insur, you know, the flood insurance program all the time. Those of us in hurricane states. But the, the, the work of the house has been done. And it, we have to get the Senate to reopen the government so that we can come back and handle all of these very important end of the year issues.
31. **Johnson:** There's a lot of things, uh, on the table. Uh, FEMA has sufficient resources right now to do that. We do have to extend the flood insurance program, you know, annually effectively to make sure that it's there. But we'll do that. We'll do it in due course. There's a lot of end of year issues that are being conflated with this very simple.
32. **Johnson:** Issue of keeping the government open and that is the first and most immediate priority. And it mu we must use every leverage point we have to force the Democrats to do that and that's why we're, we're handling the schedule the way we are.
33. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.
34. **Reporter:** Yeah. Um, thanks sir. You've talked about, uh, leader Schumer's record, uh, with regard to continuing resolutions, your record, you voted against continuing resolutions in the past, including when Speaker McCarthy was the speaker. How do you explain your stance now versus yours previously?
35. **Johnson:** Yeah, different circumstances, different times. When we did see ours in the past, um, you, you had leverage points of things that when the Democrats were trying to put. They're partisan priorities in, we were trying to use whatever leverage we had in the minority to take them out.
36. **Johnson:** Very important distinction. Right now, we did not put in Republican priorities in the clean cr. I could have put, I could have put. Some of our priorities are poison pills or things that, uh, Democrats had done in the past to us. We didn't, and that's why there's nothing to negotiate right now. People say, why aren't you negotiating? I don't have anything to offer. I can't go to a clean CR and say, let me pull off the Republican priority and make it more palatable for you. Because we didn't add that in. It's simply a status quo, uh, continuance. One of the things we objected to back then was. These were Biden level policies and spending, I still object to that, but what I'm trying to do is keep the government open so that we can readjust those things.
37. **Johnson:** And as I, as I gave you the long background yesterday, the, the, the summary of how we got to where we are, the appropriations process is working again, and we're gonna be able to reprioritize federal spending, but we have to allow the time for that to continue. We need seven more weeks, but every day that they keep the government open, it gives us less time to finish the job.
38. **Reporter:** I'm talking about when McCarthy was the speaker and you guys had the majority in 2023.
39. **Johnson:** Yeah. Well, we had divided government as well. Right. The Democrats were, Chuck Schumer was over here negotiating in the Senate, and that's what's so ironic about it. When we were in the Oval Office, Chuck Schumer looked the president in the eyes and said, I've always been very fair.
40. **Johnson:** I've always allowed the Republicans their priorities. And I just looked at him like, oh, what? I'm sitting right here. I was the guy you were negotiating with. I called him at the 11th hour, I remember very vividly, and asked him not to put in a very. A terrible poison pill. It was a big Democrat priority that is outrageous to, to the conservatives. And he said, yeah, I'm sorry, speaker can't help you. And literally hung up on me, you know? So now he wants me to be a fair broker. I have been. I gave him much more grace than he ever deserved.
41. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.
42. **Reporter:** As a matter of principle, on the back pay. I mean, understanding that there are people of opinions about everything and analysis about everything. Do you believe, as a matter of principle, that furloughed workers should receive back pay?
43. **Johnson:** Yeah. I, I hope, uh, that the furloughed workers receive back pay. Of course, we have some extraordinary Americans who serve the federal government and they serve valiantly and they work hard, and they serve in these various agencies doing really important work.
44. **Johnson:** I can tell you the president believes that as well. He and I have talked about this personally. He doesn't want. People to go without pay, and that's why he pleaded with Chuck Schumer to do the right thing and vote to keep the government open. We don't want this to happen. The key point, the important point to remember here is this can stop right now.
45. **Johnson:** They'll get another opportunity to, uh, to change course and open the government, and then we'll have all these policy debates as we always do. This again is a deliberative body. We've got 535 individuals serving here between the Senate and the House, we, we've gotta have these, the, the time to do all the deliberation, but you gotta have the lights on to do it, and that's the whole point.
46. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.
47. **Reporters:** Some of your own members have expressed concern about the expiration of EAC tax credits. Marjorie Taylor Greene has been the latest one. There are concerns that when they expire premiums for millions of Americans with skyrocket, why not begin negotiations on that issue right now? Because the government is closed, and as, as I mentioned, as I've mentioned, that's a December 31 issue.

48. **Johnson:** There are lots of conversations and deliberations and discussions right now, even bipartisan amongst members about, uh, necessary changes that would have to be made. Pretty dramatic changes to even have that considered on the floor. But look, I I'm not gonna forecast the outcome of that. The whole point is you keep the government open and then we have those discussions.
49. **Johnson:** We were always planning to have those discussions in the month of October. That's how the process works. And this is a very complicated issue. It's not a simple one, and you have, as I mentioned, there's probably 400 different ideas on the table of how to modify change or improve that if it is indeed gonna be extended.
50. **Johnson:** And there's lots of concern all the way around, but there's no way that if four of us can go in a room and just snap our fingers and say, oh, here's the solution, let's get it done. That we don't, we haven't had time to do that. And so we will. But we have to get the lights back on and get everybody here working again in their committees, through their processes and on the floor. In order to have, uh, fruitful conversations about that. So we'll hope that we'll do it.
51. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.
52. **Reporter:** Congresswoman Green specifically said that Republicans do not have a plan to deal with healthcare.
53. **Johnson:** Congresswoman Green does not serve on the committees of jurisdiction that deal with that, those specialized issues. And, um, she's probably not read in on some of that, um, because there's, they've still been sort of in their silos of the people who. Specialize in those issues. Uh, when, when we get the conference back and when everybody's back together. Um, we'll, we'll go through a lot of that. I mean, I've spoken personally to a number of members in the last three days, Republicans, uh, from the, from the, the, the most conservative member to the more moderate member with their various ideas on that.
54. **Johnson:** There's a lot of work that's been done on that. It, it's, it's implied as if this has been some sort of ignored issue. It's not that at all. Okay, but everybody's entitled to their opinion. I mean, not everyone knows everything. Congress is a very complex organization, uh, operation institution with lots of things going on and lots of different areas of, of committees, of jurisdiction. And I, no one member has read in on everything that happens 'cause that would be an impossible amount of information. That's a question.
55. **Johnson:** Yeah.
56. **Reporter:** Let me go front where. President Trump yesterday expressed a willingness to work with Democrats on the healthcare issue. Uh, you say that's not gonna happen so long as the government is shut down. Does that change your calculus that the president says that he wants to see some kind of a negotiation or discussion on this even if the government is shut down?
57. **Johnson:** Yeah. I don't know if he saw his truth. After that was reported, but he made very clear that yes, he's happy to sit down and talk with Democrats about healthcare or anything as soon as they reopen the government. And we are 100% consistent and united on that. I spoke to the president at length yesterday about that very thing, and yes, he, he wants to solve problems. The president is a deal maker. He likes to figure these things out and works towards solutions, and that's why he's a bold, strong leader that America needs right now.
58. **Johnson:** I'm excited to work with him on that. I have the exact same. Uh, opinion and and position, but again, none of this can happen until a Democrats stop inflicting pain on the American people and turn the lights back on in Congress and get everybody back to work. I certainly pray and hope that they will do that, and they don't drag this on for political purposes.
59. **Johnson:** Thank y'all so much,
60. **Reporter:** Mr. Speaker. Will you swear in Mr. Alva?

[Transcript Ends]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ulH4KpegV8>

Date: October 7, 2025

EXHIBIT A-45: Attorney General Bondi Refuses to Investigate Commerce Secretary's Epstein Blackmail Testimony (100725)

1. **Senator Kennedy:** Um, I've got to ask you about this, General.
2. **Senator Kennedy:** Secretary Howard Lutnik on October one gave an interview to the New York Post about Mr. Epstein and he described Mr. Epstein as quote the greatest black mailer ever close quote. Have you reviewed that transcript of that interview?
3. **AG Bondi:** I have not reviewed the transcript, but I saw the clip of it.
4. **Senator Kennedy:** Okay. It it it appears that that Secretary Lutnik uh was was Mr. Epstein's next door neighbor. In fact, their their town homes um shared a wall.
5. **Senator Kennedy:** Um and and the uh the reporter that was asking talking to Mr. uh Lutnik uh she asked how how other prominent men could have been associated with Epstein when Mr. Lutnik could immediately sense that he was a quote pervert.
6. **Senator Kennedy:** And then Secretary Leutnik said or rather the reporter said did they see it and ignore it? Do you remember that from the interview?
7. **AG Bondi:** I do.
8. **Senator Kennedy:** and Commerce Secretary Lethnik said, "No, they participated." And then Commerce Secretary Lutnik goes on to say, quote, "That's what his MMO was, you know, get a massage, get a massage." And what happened in that massage room, I assume, was a video. This guy was the greatest black mailer ever. blackmail people. That's how he had money." End quote. Is that true?
9. **AG Bondi:** Senator Kennedy, as our July memo said, "We did not uncover evidence. This case has gone through three administrations as well as former US attorney."
10. **Senator Kennedy:** I know that, Pam, but have you have you interviewed Secretary Lutnik?
11. **AG Bondi:** No, Senator Kennedy.
12. **Senator Kennedy:** Do you plan to?
13. **AG Bondi:** if he wants to talk to the FBI or the FBI wants to talk to him? Ten he is more than on
14. **Senator Kennedy:** Don't you think you ought to talk to him after this interview?
15. **AG Bondi:** Senator Kennedy, if if Howard Letic wants to speak to the FBI and if Director Patel wants to speak to Howard Letic. Absolutely.
16. **Senator Kennedy:** Okay. Maybe we ought to get Mr. Letick in here too, Mr. Chairman. Senator Kennedy Wilker.

[Interview continues with other questioning]

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Date: October 7, 2025

Exhibit A-46: Trump Declares Elimination of Democrat Programs Only During Shutdown (100925)

1. **Trump:** Despite all of the damage that is caused, the shutdown has been, you know, pretty damaging. I mean, it's not yet, 'cause it's early, but it gets a little bit worse as it goes along. And we'll be making cuts that will be permanent and we're only gonna cut Democrat programs. I hate to tell you. I guess that's makes sense.
2. **Trump:** But we're only cutting Democrat programs. Uh, but we're gonna start that. And we have, uh, Russell, we can talk to you about it if he wants to, but we're, we'll be cutting some. Very popular Democrat, uh, programs that aren't popular with Republicans, frankly, because that's the way it works.
3. **Trump:** They wanted to do this, so we'll give a little taste of their own medicine, but Chuck Schumer proclaimed this morning that every day gets better for them. Uh, no. Every day is it's actually getting worse for them, and they're having a rebellion in the Democrat party because they want to stop.
4. **Trump:** And if you saw all of Schumer's I watched last night, like 10 different times over the years. He said, you can't shut down government. You can't shut down. And now he's the one that shut it down.

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCnTdp4-9jQ>

Date: October 9, 2025

Exhibit A-47 Trump Discusses Government Shutdown Politics (100925)

[Transcript begins with irrelevant press]

1. **Press:** Mr. President, could you cut through the politics on the shutdown? We had another failed vote today. Can you speak to our viewers from Orlando to Sacramento? What's your message to some of these families tonight facing missed paychecks, potential layoffs, and missed benefits due to the shutdown.
2. **Trump:** Yeah, I blame the Democrats. They ought to call their local Democrat representative, whether it's a senator or a congressman. And it's their fault. I mean, they admit it. It's their fault. They campaigned on the fact that they'd never shut down the country, but they wanted to shut it down.
3. **Trump:** And, you know, we have the greatest economy. We're the hottest country in the world right now. I think you'd admit that. The hottest country. We went from a dead country a year ago to the hottest in the whole world. So I think they probably don't like that. But. We're doing great. I mean, we're doing great.
4. **Trump:** I would say my message is call your local representative congressman or senator and tell them to get on the ball.

[Transcript continues with irrelevant press]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWOP0yam6DM>

Date: October 9, 2025

Exhibit A-49: Trump Claims Democrats are Getting Killed in the Shutdown (101425)

[Transcript begins]

1. **Trump:** I mean, I know 'em, they love me. She'll never tell 'em to go after Trump. 'cause they love me and I love them. And I got, I got a tremendous police vote and military vote, you know, and firemen vote all of them. No, I think she is, um, hurting Boston. The answer is yes. If somebody is doing a bad job, and if I feel there's unsafe conditions, I would call Johnny the head of fifa, who's phenomenal and I would say, let's move it to another location.
2. **Trump:** And he would do that, he'd. Wouldn't love to do it, but he'd do it very easily. He'd do it. And this is the right time to do it. If, if I thought Boston was doing something that was going to be, cause safety conditions for the uh, you know, world Cup. I could say the same thing for the Olympics. 'cause you know, we have events that are in different locations for the Olympics.
3. **Trump:** It's based in la Uh, if I thought LA was not gonna be prepared properly, I would move it to another location if I had to. On that one, I'd probably have to get a different kind of a permission, but we would do that. Uh, Gavin Newsom, he's gotta get his act together because had we not gone in at the beginning of my term, had we not gone in with a very strong, powerful force, they would've lost la.
4. **Trump:** Now you already lost 25,000 houses to fires. You got a big scar right in the middle of the city. And that should have never happened because they should have had the water flowing in from the Pacific Northwest. All they had to do was open up the valves. He didn't want to do it, and he didn't want to do it.
5. **Trump:** He says for environmental reasons, I don't believe that, but you know, for some reason he didn't want to do it unless 25,000. He had no, no water in the fire pumps. He had no water in the sprinkler systems. In the ceilings. There were no houses that normally the things would go in the you. You might not have lost.
6. **Trump:** You might not have lost two houses. So if he, uh, if he doesn't play ball, we're gonna have to be very tough with him. He's done a, a bad job. You know, uh, just to finish off on that, so when we went in, we did a phenomenal job. We went in with Great Force and that was the end of it. We put it out, we extinguished that fire, which was agitation, and, uh, it was a very dangerous position to be in, and we went and did a great job.
7. **Trump:** But the head, the chief, said, we could have never done this without. President Trump and without the federal government coming in. Okay, that was it. He said that now, two or three weeks later, he said, oh, we could've done it, but he knows he couldn't. The city was gonna be taken over if I didn't go in. And you have to remember that Los Angeles was going to be taken over and we have it, uh, where the chief said it, I believe numerous times.
8. **Trump:** But that was as it was happening. That was a rough one. That was nasty. And if we saw a situation like that, yeah, we'd be forced to make a move, uh, Boston. Better clean up their act. That's all I can say.
9. **Trump:** Go ahead. One more question.
10. **Press:** Mr. President. President should federal workers President, yeah, please. Do you feel any urgency to end the shutdown in the next week, two weeks, or would you be fine if the stretch is in in November and then toward the holidays with folks not getting paid?
11. **Trump:** Well, you know, shutdown, we've had many, many shutdowns and this is a shutdown that shouldn't have happened. A group of people brilliantly decided to make it after the election. I said, thank you very much. In other words, give it to Trump instead of Biden. So it shouldn't happen. And likewise, debt ceiling shouldn't have.
12. **Trump:** But the, the big great big, beautiful bill, uh, solved the debt ceiling problem for how do you, is there a point where you would reach out to all parties? What's happening in the shutdown though? Honestly, can I put it in plain words for you? And you're a smart guy so you all understand, but a lot of people don't.
13. **Trump:** The Democrats are getting killed on the shutdown because we're closing up programs that are Democrat programs that we were opposed to. So we're being able and, and they're never gonna come back in many cases.

So we're being able to do things that we were unable to do before. So we're closing up programs that are Democrat programs that we wanted to close up or that we never wanted to happen, and now we're closing them up.

14. **Trump:** And we're not gonna let 'em come back. The Democrats are getting killed and we're gonna have a list of them on Friday closing up some of the most egregious socialist, anti-communist, probably not full communist. We're saving that for New York, but semi communist programs and we're closing them up. We're not closing up Republican programs 'cause we think they work.
15. **Trump:** So the Democrats are getting killed, but they're not telling the people about that. I say it, nobody, well, I haven't said it probably as bluntly as I just said it, but so we are closing up Democrat programs that we think that we disagree with and they're never gonna open again. Thank you very much. Thank you everybody.

[Transcript ends]

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Date: October 14, 2025

EXHIBIT A-50 Johnson Explains that Distributing SNAP Funds Will Take Pressure Off Democrats 103125

1. Is that this has been a stalemate for 30 days, and it's not just Democrats. one of the most conservative Republican senators, Josh Hawley, who says at least, please, move money around to feed people. Why not consider that?
2. Because if you deviate from the goal of reopening the entire government, Chuck Schumer and the radicals over there will continue to play games with people's paychecks, their livelihoods, and if you do just part of this, it will reduce their pressure for them to do all of it, to do their basic job, and that is reopen the government.
3. This is very real and very serious, and they can end it today. They can do it right now. All they have to do is, we just need five more Democrats in the Senate to help us reach the 60 vote threshold. We don't have enough Republicans to do the right thing on our own. We need to [Reporter interjects: Does it give you the right...] do the right thing.

Source: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DQcly_5Es7a/ (CNN)

Date: October 31, 2025

EXHIBIT A-51 Trump States SNAP Recipients Are Largely Democrats

1. All they have to do the say the government is open and thats the end of it. And, you know, largely, when you talk about snap, you're talking about largely Democrats, but I'm President, I want to help everybody. I want to help Democrats and Republicans. But when you're talking about Snap, if you look, its largely Democrats, they're hurting the real people.

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/XpeU3YN5FZs>

Date: October 31, 2025

EXHIBIT A-52 Johnson Declares Epstein Transparency Act as Nation Security Risk

1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, chairman Jordan for doing such an extraordinary job on all of this. For 43 long days, the Democrats held this house and the entire country hostage. Finally, with the lights back on, this body's returning to our regular legislative session. We have a lot of work to do. My colleagues on this side of the chamber are ready and eager to get back to our urgent legislative work that we promised the American people we would do.
2. Yes, we've gotta continue lowering the cost of healthcare. We've gotta bring down prices for American families, and we gotta finish the regular appropriations process just to name a few of those priorities. And I wish I could say that our first order of business would be to get to those urgent priorities, but of course, we're here spending time on the floor about something else.
3. This is something we could have resolved last week when we brought a unanimous consent to pass this discharge with the full support of the body. But our friends over here who are arguing today. I stalled that they objected to it and they wanted to have this exercise instead. And that's why we say that this is a, a show vote.
4. That's what this is. They're making a show of it and it really is a shame. We have some heroic women in the chamber today. I met with many of them a while back. They're in the gallery here. They have, they have come forward. They have shown their faces, they've used their names to share the unspeakable tragedies that many of them were subjected to.
5. Some of them when they were very young. And it is a heroic service to the country. They are, they are seeking justice, and the justice has been delayed for too long. The Department of Justice many years ago should have brought these charges. It took too long to do it. And, and now we're in this process of making sure all the American people get the, the information, but we have to do it in the right way, the right way.
6. After four years of Democrat control under President Biden, they were not truthful with us about a lot of things. The Democrats insisted the border was secure. We knew it wasn't. They submit, they insisted that, uh, inflation was transitory. We knew it wouldn't be. They misled the Am American people about the obvious mental and physical decline of the previous commander in chief, and now those same Democrats are demanding transparency.
7. Suddenly transparency is their new word out of nowhere. They've taken a curious concern in the Epstein investigation, all in the name of that, in the name of transparency, but the question has been asked here many times. During the debate on the floor and everybody questioning why it is that Democrats have done this right now, have to look at the obvious facts.
8. The Democrats had all the Epstein files in their possession for four long years under the Biden presidency. The Biden Department of Justice had these files, and no one on this side who is breathless today about the urgency of this release ever said a word about it, and it was the Democrats who could have urged.
9. President Biden's Department of Justice to go beyond prosecuting just Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. But they didn't do it. And so it's a fair question to ask today. Why now? Why the sudden urgent interest in Jeffrey Epstein? Look, we know why. It's because of the Democrats. Were never interested in transparency or executing justice or protecting the victims of this unspeakable tragedy before.
10. The simple truth is obvious for everybody to see. This is a political exercise for Democrats and it pains me to say it. I, I, I wish that was not the truth, but it is, and it's undeniable. This is as deceitful and dishonest as their pointless stunt was to shut the government down. Democrats are using the Epstein tragedy, the unspeakable evils that this guy committed with his trafficking ring and all of the, the abuses that they, that they made these young women go through.
11. They're using that as a political weapon. To try to distract from their failures as a party and, and to try their best to try to tie President Trump somehow into this wretched scandal. The president had nothing to do with it. He's been very clear and he has nothing to hide, and that's why he's endorsed the vote today.

12. I, I suspect this vote will be probably unanimous, but here's the important point that everybody needs to understand. We have been advocates of maximum transparency, but we have also insisted that the victims be carefully protected. The oversight Committee has been doing extraordinary work, and we've got some of the, the most vigorous advocates on the Republican and Democrat side on the oversight committee.
13. They've been working in earnest to deliver transparency for the American people and to do it in a responsible manner. What do we mean by that? The bipartisan effort over there is already producing all the results that the discharge petition seeks, and much, much more. Chairman Comer. And all of these advocates over there have been releasing thousands of documents, for example, from the Epstein Estate.
14. By the way, in my view, that's been the greatest treasure trove of information because it's yielded for us Epstein's own personal flight logs, his financial records, his daily calendars, and so much more. But importantly, none of that was addressed or is addressed in the legislation that's being voted on today.
15. The, the estate files wouldn't even have been encompassed in that. And so it goes to show that the oversight committee is doing it from the direct way, from the very beginning. We've been insistent that this matter be handled carefully and with the utmost caution and care and, and care for the people who have been harmed.
16. They should not be made to suffer any longer. We're talking about real people's lives at stake here and young victims who don't want to be dragged into this political game that could get hurt further, but the Democrats are rushing the release of thousands of un substantiated documents that may be included in this, that are gonna be in the public domain with the passage of this bill.
17. And there are serious deficiencies in the legislation that I have noted at length, and Republicans have to work to address those deficiencies in the Senate if and when this legislation is advanced. I stood before the American public today at our press conference, and I explained in detail that the dangers of the discharge petition we, we have posted at, at my website, speaker.gov, a summary.
18. The, the, the legal counsel, a small army of lawyers, put this together. I used to be a federal court litigator. Many of my colleagues who've spoken today were. We understand the dangers of how this was haphazardly drawn up. And among them, by the way, Mr. Speaker, before I forget, I seek unanimous consent to enter into this document, into the record that it is, that it's on the website.
19. It's entitled How the Flaws of HR 44 0 5 Could re-Victimize Epstein's Victims Create New Victims and Damage the judicial System. It is dated today. Thank you. And it, and it summarizes just five or six of the major concerns among them. It fails to fully protect victim privacy. It could create new categories of victims.
20. It potentially jeopardizes grand jury secrecy. It fails to prohibit release of child sexual abuse materials that are not appropriately defined in the legislation. It jeopardizes future federal investigations, and we have national security concerns regarding classified information. We'll put this in the record because we need the legislative record to reflect what is the legislative intent behind this vote.
21. I used to litigate cases, we would litigate, uh, federal statutes and whether or not they could survive. And legislative intent is important and we need to say clearly for the record as the speaker of the house, I'm saying to you, this legislation that will pass today is flawed and it must be amended. The question is, why didn't we amend it here before we passed it?
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EXHIBIT A-53: Speaker Johnson Doubles Down on July HR 4405 Rhetoric

1. **Reporter:** I guess I'm confused because the bill specifically says the attorney General may withhold or redact portions related to child sexual abuse materials as defined in the law. Anything jeopardizing federal investigations, it specifically says they can withhold anything contained. Personal identifiable information of victims. Victim's personal medical files. We know the survivors are comfortable with that. I, all of these, these things are actually in this bill. I that're why [interrupted]
2. **Johnson:** they're not, lemme give you an example and we could, we could be up here for a long time. I litigated it with you 'cause I brought all this stuff.
3. **Reporter:** Let's do it. What specifically is missing?
4. **Johnson:** Okay, so, so the first one you mentioned?
5. **Reporter:** Yeah.
6. **Johnson:** Okay. So here's, here's the, here's the H uh, HS 581. This is the discharge. Okay. It says on page five, uh, redact anything that depicts or quote, depicts or contains child sexual abuse material CSA as defined under. 18 USC 2256. Okay. Alright, so you go to 18 USC 2256 definitions of the chapter.
7. **Johnson:** Nowhere in this section. Okay, go look it up. Alright. Does it contain the definition of child sexual abuse material? So I used to litigate federal cases and I would challenge statutes in court. Okay. The language is very important and very precise if it's not listed here, and this were to become law. Child sexual abuse materials are not included.
8. **Johnson:** They're not included. For redaction, which means the Attorney General and someone there. If they interpret the discharge in the statute that it passes, uh, directly and, and, and literally as they're supposed to do, they're required to do under the law, then you're gonna have things that would, that would qualify under child sexual abuse materials.
9. **Johnson:** You have child pornography included in the distribution of this stuff. We can't go for that. [interrupted]
10. **Reporter:** It's up to the attorney general.
11. **Johnson:** No, it's not up to the, no, it's not up to the attorney General because the way it's listed in the document...
12. **Reporter:** under the bill.
13. **Johnson:** go, no, it's not. It's not because it doesn't reference the right code section.
14. **Johnson:** So I'm just gonna leave you with this question. You should go ask 'em all. If you were so concerned about the Epstein files and protecting the victims, why didn't you do a darn thing about it? For the four years of the Biden administration, all this stuff was sitting in a warehouse and nobody said a word about it.
15. **Johnson:** They didn't care. Now they're doing it. We all know why 'cause they're trying to attack President Trump. That's it. A CA questions. Thank you.

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1. **Johnson:** Prices for American families, and we gotta finish the regular appropriations process just to name a few of those priorities. And I wish I could say that our first order of business would be to get to those urgent priorities, but of course, we're here spending time on the floor about something else. This is something we could have resolved last week when we brought a unanimous consent to pass this discharge with the full support of the body. But our friends over here who are arguing today. I stalled that they objected to it and they wanted to have this exercise instead. And that's why we say that this is a, a show vote. That's what this is. They're making a show of it and it really is a shame. We have some heroic women in the chamber today.
2. **Johnson:** I met with many of them a while back. They're in the gallery here. They have, they have come forward. They have shown their faces, they've used their names to share the unspeakable tragedies that many of them were subjected to. Some of them when they were very young. And it is a heroic service to the country. They are, they are seeking justice, and the justice has been delayed for too long. The Department of Justice many years ago should have brought these charges. It took too long to do it. And, and now we're in this process of making sure all the American people get the, the information, but we have to do it in the right way, the right way.
3. **Johnson:** After four years of Democrat control under President Biden, they were not truthful with us about a lot of things. The Democrats insisted the border was secure. We knew it wasn't. They submit, they insisted that, uh, inflation was transitory. We knew it wouldn't be. They misled the Am American people about the obvious mental and physical decline of the previous commander in chief, and now those same Democrats are demanding transparency.
4. **Johnson:** Suddenly transparency is their new word out of nowhere. They've taken a curious concern in the Epstein investigation, all in the name of that, in the name of transparency, but the question has been asked here many times. During the debate on the floor and everybody questioning why it is that Democrats have done this right now, have to look at the obvious facts.
5. **Johnson:** The Democrats had all the Epstein files in their possession for four long years under the Biden presidency. The Biden Department of Justice had these files, and no one on this side who is breathless today about the urgency of this release ever said a word about it, and it was the Democrats who could have urged.
6. **Johnson:** President Biden's Department of Justice to go beyond prosecuting just Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. But they didn't do it. And so it's a fair question to ask today. Why now? Why the sudden urgent interest in Jeffrey Epstein? Look, we know why. It's because the Democrats were never interested in transparency or executing justice or protecting the victims of this unspeakable tragedy before.
7. **Johnson:** The simple truth is obvious for everybody to see. This is a political exercise for Democrats and it pains me to say it. I, I, I wish that was not the truth, but it is, and it's undeniable. This is as deceitful and dishonest as their pointless stunt was to shut the government down. Democrats are using the Epstein tragedy, the unspeakable evils that this guy committed with his trafficking ring and all of the, the abuses that they, that they made these young women go through.
8. **Johnson:** They're using that as a political weapon. To try to distract from their failures as a party and, and to try their best to try to tie President Trump somehow into this wretched scandal. The president had nothing to do with it. He's been very clear and he has nothing to hide, and that's why he's endorsed the vote today.
9. **Johnson:** I, I suspect this vote will be probably unanimous, but here's the important point that everybody needs to understand. We have been advocates of maximum transparency, but we have also insisted that the victims be carefully protected. The oversight Committee has been doing extraordinary work, and we've got some of the, the most vigorous advocates on the Republican and Democrat side on the oversight committee.
10. **Johnson:** They've been working in earnest to deliver transparency for the American people and to do it in a responsible manner. What do we mean by that? The bipartisan effort over there is already producing all the results

that the discharge petition seeks, and much, much more. Chairman Comer. And all of these advocates over there have been releasing thousands of documents, for example, from the Epstein Estate.

11. **Johnson:** By the way, in my view, that's been the greatest treasure trove of information because it's yielded for us Epstein's own personal flight logs, his financial records, his daily calendars, and so much more. But importantly, none of that was addressed or is addressed in the legislation that's being voted on today.
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How the Flaws of H.R. 4405 Could Revictimize Epstein's Victims, Create New Victims, and Damage the Judicial System

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BACKGROUND. On November 12, 2025, a motion to discharge in relation to H. Res 581 was filed and assigned to the Discharge Calendar. Accordingly, the House is poised to consider H.R. 4405, compelling the Department of Justice (DOJ) to release its files related to Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. While Republicans fully support transparency and the release of the names of those who conspired with and aided Epstein and Maxwell, the bill the House will consider is flawed.

ANALYSIS. The flaws in H.R. 4405 include the following.

1. Fails to Fully Protect Victim Privacy. While H.R. 4405 permits the Attorney General to withhold “*personally identifiable information of [Epstein’s] victims*” and “*personal and medical files and similar files*,” this authority is limited to disclosures that “*constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy*.” Protections for Epstein’s victims should go further. Congress should give the Attorney General broader authority to redact all victim information. This would prevent the release of information that could be used to unmask victims who have chosen to remain anonymous. Anything less risks revictimizing those who were trafficked and exploited.¹ The courts have recognized this concern. On August 20, 2025, Judge Richard Berman (SDNY) issued an order² denying DOJ’s request to release Epstein grand jury materials, noting “*names and identifying information [of victims] appear in the subject materials*.” Judge Berman quoted a letter related to victims’ concerns, which stated: “*[T]ransparency cannot come at the expense of the very people whom the justice system is sworn to protect...*” and he quoted a letter from a victim, Jane Doe 2, which stated: “***I beg the court to make sure it is the upmost [sic] priority that in any sort of release ALL and EVERY detail that could possibly reveal our identities be redacted.***”

2. Could Create New Victims. H.R. 4405 requires DOJ to release information, even in cases where DOJ or the FBI has determined it was false. Congress should avoid mandating this kind of release. Doing so could ruin the reputations of innocent persons, such as those who may have known Epstein but knew nothing of his crimes, or whose names Epstein exploited and used in order to get close to his intended victims. Releasing information containing the names of innocent people would subject the innocents to a guilt by association, creating a new group of victims who have no means to clear their names. To avoid this, the Attorney General should be given additional authority to redact information the FBI has previously deemed was false or not credible.

3. Potentially Jeopardizes Grand Jury Secrecy. Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure prohibits the release of grand jury materials. An unauthorized release can be prosecuted as a criminal offense, including obstruction of justice. This secrecy exists to protect

¹ Department of Justice Press Release, “Ghislaine Maxwell Sentenced to 20 Years....” July 28, 2022. See: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse>

² Decision and Order of Judge Richard M. Berman issued August 20, 2025. See: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/26069162-berman-ruling-on-epstein-grand-jury-docs/>

the individual. Grand juries are not adversarial. There is no opportunity for the subject of a grand jury inquiry to cross-examine, disprove testimony, or challenge the evidence. If Congress compels release of grand jury materials, it raises a risk that the grand jury process will become politicized in the future. Imagine how a malicious prosecutor could abuse and weaponize the grand jury process by inducing testimony about a political adversary, testimony the prosecutor knows is false and which could not be contested, with the hopes a future Congress would later compel disclosure. H.R. 4405 is ambiguous as to whether it requires DOJ to release grand jury materials from the Maxwell and Epstein cases. As such, as written, the current text of H.R. 4405 creates a conflict of laws. Congress can clear up any ambiguity by requiring the Attorney General to redact grand jury materials.

4. Fails to Prohibit Release of Child Sexual Abuse Materials. H.R. 4405 allows the Attorney General to redact portions of records that “*depicts or contains child sexual abuse materials (CSAM) as defined under 18 U.S.C. 2256...*” It necessarily follows that the redaction authority is limited by whatever CSAM definition is found in 18 U.S.C. 2256. Unfortunately, Sec. 2256 does not contain **any** CSAM definition, which means that H.R. 4405 bestows no real legal authority on the Attorney General to redact those materials. The bill should be amended to clearly prohibit release of any CSAM.

5. Jeopardizes Future Federal Investigations. H.R. 4405 allows the Attorney General to redact “*portions of records that... would jeopardize an active federal investigation or ongoing prosecution*” but only if “*narrowly tailored and temporary.*” This standard ignores the impact disclosure might have on future investigations. Release of this information could publicly identify individuals who were promised confidentiality, such as a whistleblower or confidential informant, in exchange for agreeing to share information in the Epstein case. Violating confidentiality would have a chilling effect, deterring future whistleblowers and informants. Release could also publicly reveal the identity of undercover law enforcement officers, preventing them from working in future operations. In order to properly protect whistleblowers, informants, and undercover officers, the Attorney General should be given additional authorities to redact information related to these types of individuals (if any), provided they were not complicit in Epstein’s crimes.

6. National Security Concerns. H.R. 4405 requires the Attorney General to complete the release of information within 30 days, including to declassify “*classified information to the maximum extent possible.*” This raises two concerns. First, it may not be feasible to properly undertake such an extensive review in such a short period of time. Second, it ignores the principle that declassification should rest with the agency that originated the intelligence so as to protect sources and methods. It is incredibly unwise to demand that DOJ declassify materials originated by other agencies. H.R. 4405 should be amended to direct relevant intelligence agencies to work with the Attorney General to declassify in a reasonable time frame.

CONCLUSION. Republicans support transparency, especially when it comes to disclosing the names of those who conspired with and aided Jeffrey Epstein. Before H.R. 4405 becomes law, each of the above concerns should be addressed, with particular attention paid to ensuring the highest protection for victims.