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Massie, Khanna Say DOJ Is Illegally Withholding Epstein Files. Reps Are Preparing Impeachment Articles Against Bondi

The authors of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, which required the release of all the files related to the deceased sex trafficker, unloaded on the Justice Department last night for not releasing all the files.

Representatives Thomas Massie, Kentucky Republican, and Ro Khanna, California Democrat, said DOJ is illegally withholding documents. Khanna told CNN that he and Massie are preparing articles of impeachment against U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi.



AP Images
Thomas Massie

The Epstein bill, which President Trump signed on November 19, required the document dump within 30 days, and did not allow for withholding politically sensitive information. Massie and Khanna says DOJ did not follow the order.

Consider these three attachments:

- 1) Epstein Files Transparency Act
 - 2) Statement from Fox Digital
 - 3) existing criminal statute pic.twitter.com/y4doG4oGOa
- Thomas Massie (@RepThomasMassie) [December 20, 2025](#)

The Letter

Yesterday, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche [notified Congress](#) that DOJ had released the files with legally allowed redactions for victims, noting that 200 DOJ attorneys curated and reviewed them. Releasing all the documents was impossible because “several [DOJ] components have just provided documents this week,” Blanche wrote:

Because of the volume of the material and the requirement that every page of every document be reviewed for potential redactions under the Act, final stages of review of some material continue....

The volume of materials to be reviewed — many of which continue to be produced ... means that the Department must publicly produce responsive documents on a rolling basis. The



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Department's need to perform rolling productions is consistent with well-settled case law that statutes should be interpreted to not require the impossible.

But Blanche also said "there are no redactions of famous people."

Blanche said Epstein's victims number more than 1,200.

Massie on X

That isn't true, Massie wrote on X, citing the bill and the [Fox News report](#) on the release, which can be seen at the [DOJ website](#).

On X, Massie cited the [Epstein bill](#): "No record shall be withheld, delayed, or redacted on the basis of embarrassment, reputational harm, or political sensitivity, including to any government official, public figure, or foreign dignitary."

In the same post, Massie pointed to the Fox report, which noted that DOJ redacted "identifiers of victims. Fox News Digital has learned that the same redaction standards were applied to politically exposed individuals and government officials."

Massie pointed to the federal statute on obstruction of justice, which can carry a 20-year prison term.

"A future DOJ could convict the current AG and others because the Epstein Files Transparency Act is not like a Congressional Subpoena which expires at the end of each Congress," he continued. He reiterated his point in a video posted to X before the DOJ released the files.

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"I miss this version of JD Vance," he wrote this morning over a Vance X post from 2021. "What possible interest would the US government have in keeping Epstein's clients secret?" Vance wrote.

"THEY ARE FLAUNTING LAW," he fumed later.

In the video Massie posted to X before DOJ released the files, the congressman explained how he and everyone would know the department had violated the Epstein files act.

Some victims' attorneys have contacted Massie, and "collectively, they know there are at least 20 names of men who are accused of sex crimes in the possession of the FBI," he said:

If we get a large production on Dec. 19 and it does not contain a single name of any male who is accused of a sex crime or sex trafficking or rape or any of these things, then we know they haven't produced all the documents. It's that simple.



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Compare

Language of Epstein Files Transparency Act directing DOJ to provide internal communications regarding their decisions

Versus

DOJ letter to Congress asserting privilege to omit materials related to decisions, because they weren't specified by law

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Our Epstein Files Transparency Act is now law. It establishes a December 19 deadline for the Attorney General to release the Epstein files.

In this video, I'll tell you what to expect in advance of tomorrow's statutory disclosure deadline. pic.twitter.com/7aD7q1kyLC

— Thomas Massie (@RepThomasMassie) [December 18, 2025](#)

Khanna Videos

"Attorney General Pam Bondi is withholding specific documents that the law required her to release by today," Massie wrote over video of Khanna's appearance on CNN. Khanna told Kaitlin Collins that the files are missing two key documents: the 60-count indictment of Epstein that preceded a deal he cut with prosecutors in Florida in 2008 and an 82-page memorandum that supported it.

He also told Collins that he and Massie are drafting articles of impeachment against Bondi and considering contempt charges.

"I want to hear from MAGA voters who have stood for transparency on the Epstein files," Khanna wrote on X over the video:

Are you satisfied with the excessive redactions & missing 60 count draft indictment? Or do you want Bondi & Blanchard to release the docs that will hold the Epstein class accountable?

"The justice department's document dump this afternoon does not comply" with the Epstein bill, Khanna said separately on X:

They released one document from a New York grand jury of 119 pages totally blacked out, this despite a federal judge ordering them to release that document. And our law requires them to explain redactions. There's not a single explanation for why that entire document was redacted. We have not seen the draft indictment that implicates other rich and powerful men who were on Epstein's rape island, who either watched the abuse of young girls, or participated in the abuse of young girls in the sex trafficking.



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The reality is Pam Bondi has obfuscated for months. She first said there were no more documents to be seen. Now she's admitting and releasing hundreds of thousands of documents, but it is an incomplete release with too many redactions.... Massie and are exploring all options. It can be the impeachment of people at justice ... for contempt or referring for prosecution those who are obstructing justice. We will work with the survivors to demand the full release of these files, to demand justice for the Epstein class and accountability.

Attorney General Pam Bondi is withholding specific documents that the law required her to release by today. <https://t.co/sjFDUGF4IL>

— Thomas Massie (@RepThomasMassie) [December 20, 2025](#)

The DOJ's document dump of hundreds of thousands of pages failed to comply with the law authored by [@RepThomasMassie](#) and me.

One document, 119 pages of Grand Jury testimony, was completely redacted.

I explain what is missing and what the survivors and their lawyers are still...
pic.twitter.com/Wg1xFIM2vE

— Ro Khanna (@RoKhanna) [December 19, 2025](#)

□ UPDATE: Articles of IMPEACHMENT are now being drafted against AG Pam Bondi by Reps. Ro Khanna and Thomas Massie after they claim not enough Epstein Files were released

This would require a majority of the House and two-thirds of the Senate.
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— Eric Daugherty (@EricLDaugh) [December 20, 2025](#)

X users fumed about the redactions, with multiple users, like Khanna, pointing to redacted grand jury testimony.

User Publius noted that 90 percent of them were redacted, including that testimony:

ALL 119 pages of the Epstein grand jury testimony are REDACTED.

"The most transparent administration is history. □," Women Forward wrote:

The newly released portion of the Epstein files is heavily redacted, with some pages being entirely blacked out.

The 119-page grand jury document is entirely redacted.



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□ BREAKING: 90% of the released Epstein files are REDACTED.

ALL 119 pages of the Epstein grand jury testimony are REDACTED.

The Epstein Files Transparency Act, required the DOJ to release ALL unclassified Epstein records by today, Dec 19, 2025, with LIMITED REDACTIONS allowed...

pic.twitter.com/4er6RVmYPi

— Publius (@OcrasioCornPop) [December 20, 2025](#)

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The 119-page grand jury document is entirely redacted. [#EpsteinTrumpCoverUp](#)
pic.twitter.com/rHuJFACu4Z

— Women Forward (@WomenForward25) [December 19, 2025](#)

□ The Epstein files "release" from Trump's DOJ is an absolute joke.

These are documents from Trump's own Department of Justice - and they're hiding behind ridiculous redactions. Entire sections blacked out, with no real transparency.

This is REAL: A 119-page Grand Jury... <https://t.co/qYbwIGr4PP>
pic.twitter.com/cU0cQ80CAc

— J Stewart (@triffic_stuff_) [December 19, 2025](#)

Epstein files: Entire 119-page grand jury document redacted. pic.twitter.com/nQK7Gh2sLg

— Republicans against Trump (@RpsAgainstTrump) [December 19, 2025](#)

[CBS News reported](#) that more than 500 pages of the files are blacked out.

“One series of [three consecutive documents](#) — totaling 255 pages — is entirely redacted, with each page covered by a black box,” the network reported:

A fourth [119-page document](#) labeled “Grand Jury-NY” is also entirely redacted. It’s unclear what proceedings it stemmed from, but the [document](#) listed immediately before it is a transcript in which a prosecutor asks a grand jury in 2020 to consider evidence for a superseding indictment of Epstein’s convicted co-conspirator, Ghislaine Maxwell.

At least 180 blacked-out pages appear in files that are mostly but not entirely redacted. In some cases, a cover page, a [photo of a folder](#) or [something else that isn’t fully redacted](#) precedes several pages that are entirely obscured by a black box.

In other cases, the redactions were more sparing. For example, a [96-page police report](#) on a Florida investigation into Epstein in the mid-2000s redacts the names of victims and other



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details, but leaves many other details in.

Epstein [supposedly committed suicide](#) in his cell at the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center after his indictment on [sex trafficking charges](#). His partner in the crimes, Ghislaine Maxwell, [is serving](#) a 20-year prison sentence.



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