



April 23, 2026

The Honorable Teresa Leger Fernández
Chair, Democratic Women's Caucus

Dear Representative Fernández:

I am writing in response to the letter that the Democratic Women's Caucus sent to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG), dated January 29, 2026. Your letter requests that the DOJ OIG conduct an inquiry into DOJ's compliance with the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

Today, the OIG initiated an audit of DOJ's compliance with the Epstein Files Transparency Act. Our preliminary objective is to evaluate the DOJ's processes for identifying, redacting, and releasing records in its possession as required by the Act. To accomplish this preliminary objective, the OIG plans to focus on reviewing (1) the DOJ's identification, collection, and production of responsive material; (2) DOJ guidance and processes for redacting and withholding material consistent with the requirements enumerated in the Act; and (3) DOJ's processes for addressing post-release publication concerns. If circumstances warrant, the OIG will consider addressing other issues that may arise during the course of the audit.

Consistent with the requirements of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, we will issue a public report with the audit's results when our work is complete.

Thank you for your continued support of the work of the DOJ OIG. If you have questions, please contact me, or Chris Fontanesi, Senior Counsel, to the Inspector General, on (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,

William M. Blier
Deputy Inspector General
Performing the Duties of Inspector General