

DEFEND AMERICA **ACTION**

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Dear President Trump:

We are state legislators from across the country, and on behalf of Americans we represent from all walks of life, we're writing to you today to ask that you and your administration put the issue of the Epstein files to bed once and for all, and that you focus on what the American people are concerned about: the affordability crisis which has exploded on your watch.

Just a few weeks ago, Americans from Georgia to Virginia to New Jersey registered their dissatisfaction with your economic performance with overwhelming victories for Democrats up and down the ballot. That should've been a wake-up call for you and your administration, but instead, you've turned to an all-too familiar strategy of gaslighting the American people with tales of a booming economy that don't match reality.

You have called the issue of the Epstein files a "hoax," and dismissed the numerous congressional efforts underway to pursue transparency, accountability, and justice for the hundreds of victims who suffered at Epstein's hands. This issue has again overtaken Washington, DC, and you have mobilized enormous government resources, up to and including meetings in the ultra-secure Situation Room, to try to prevent the files' release. Clearly, this is distracting you and congress from prioritizing the needs of the American people, who are suffering from ten months of policies which have fueled the affordability crisis. Your 11th hour decision to not fight a vote in the House that you were certainly going to lose is yet another dodge - you could order the full release of the files today so that we can all move forward and deal with the issues our voters and yours care about: making life affordable for American families.

Those priorities should be addressing the skyrocketing costs that are keeping families up at night: housing, food, energy, and health care. We need bipartisan solutions to the cost of living crisis, not multiple congressional committees, investigations, and precious floor time devoted to files related to Jeffrey Epstein, which you could release with the stroke of a pen.

Mr. President, like elected officials at every level of service we are working hard to address the affordability crisis facing our constituents, but at the same time, we need good partners in Congress and good policies from you, the House, and the Senate to tackle the high cost of living squeezing so many American families. Release the files and let's get on with the business of the American people.

Signed,

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