

United States Senate

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Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

In light of news earlier this month that you agreed to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I write to request you release your flight logbook covering the period between 2005 and 2019 ahead of your hearing before Congress. This timeframe reflects your first initial in-person meeting in 2005 with convicted child sex trafficker, Jeffrey Epstein, through your alleged last in-person meeting with him in 2012, and concluding with his death in 2019. It was deeply concerning and appalling to hear, in your official testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations last month, your acknowledgement of a direct connection with Mr. Epstein as late as 2012, which contradicted your previous denial of any recent ties to him in other public interviews and reporting. Such a revelation requires accountability and further investigation, including sharing information on all of your flights during the period of your relationship with Jeffrey Epstein.

Your contradictory statements over the past year demonstrate a clear attempt to mislead the American people about your ties to Mr. Epstein. In October 2025, you alleged during an interview that your relationship with Jeffrey Epstein ended after a 2005 tour of his New York townhouse, where Mr. Epstein allegedly made suggestive comments. You stated that you and your wife decided to “never be in the room with that disgusting person ever again.” The release of files under the Epstein Files Transparency Act (P.L.119-38) has since revealed otherwise – revealing that your involvement with Mr. Epstein continued years after this first encounter, including *after* Mr. Epstein pleaded guilty to state charges of solicitation of prostitution and solicitation of prostitution with a minor under the age of 18 in 2008. The files also indicated interactions with Mr. Epstein multiple times over the next 14 years, including an agreement to acquire stakes in a company called Adfin in 2012 and an invitation for Mr. Epstein to attend a fundraiser in 2015. It was not until these files were released to the public that you even acknowledged your widely reported 2012 visit to Mr. Epstein’s private Caribbean Island, where many of his crimes took place. However, even in your public testimony to Congress, you have continued to state that you “did not have a relationship with [Mr. Epstein]” and you “barely had anything to do with him.”

While your 2012 trip to Mr. Epstein’s private island has been widely reported, and it is currently the only known in-person interaction you had with him that has come to light, it is notable that you also appeared in an undated photo with Mr. Epstein on his private island. There has been no credible confirmation of when the photo was taken. It is currently unknown whether this photo was taken as part of your reported 2012 visit or on a separate visit to his private island. At a time when the American people and survivors of Mr. Epstein’s crimes are looking for justice and relief, your efforts to deny and minimize your relationship with Mr. Epstein are gravely alarming. Furthermore, your actions – both in interacting with Mr. Epstein after his 2008 guilty plea and in later lying about your relationship with him – raise serious questions regarding your character and integrity as you continue to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

You publicly stated in your testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee, “I know and my wife knows that I have done absolutely nothing wrong in any possible regard.” If that sentiment remains true and you continue to assert no wrongdoing in your connections with Mr. Epstein, I request that you immediately:

1. Release all of your flight logs for all private and commercial travel you took between the beginning of 2005 and Mr. Epstein’s death in 2019.
2. Provide a list of additional passengers who accompanied you on all such flights, including detailing their relationship to you and to Mr. Epstein.
3. Provide all reasons for such travel for each flight included in the logs.

These flight logs will assist in understanding the depth of your connection with Mr. Epstein. As more files from the Epstein case are published and released to the public, Congress has the responsibility to seek justice for the victims preyed upon by Mr. Epstein and his co-conspirators. It is also our responsibility to ensure that public trust and transparency is maintained and that the public can have full confidence in the President’s most trusted advisors.

I request your response to this inquiry no later than April 2, 2026.

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen
U.S. Senator