

## To the Honorable Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Members of the Tennessee Senate, Members of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and All Statewide Elected Officials:

The Tennessee Constitutional Grassroots Coalition, along with the millions of citizens of the great state of Tennessee, write to urge all of our elected officials to take a bold and principled stand for justice by leading the nation in calling for the unconditional release of all documents and records related to Jeffrey Epstein's criminal activities, including the subsequent investigations (commonly referred to as the "Epstein files"). As a state renowned for its commitment to liberty, justice, and the will of the people, Tennessee is uniquely positioned to champion this cause. Our culture and way of life demand that we live and act according to our founders' intent for this nation by following the moral compass that God gifted our citizenry. The unconditional disclosure of these files is not only a moral imperative and existential to the integrity of the operations of our government, but it is also constitutionally sound, aligning with the foundational principles of transparency and accountability that underpin our republic.

The Epstein case represents one of the most egregious failures of justice in American history, implicating powerful individuals across our government, the corporate oligarchy, and the elitist society existing amongst many popular cultural figures. These files are also unequivocally linked to the direct control over our political system via the blackmail acquired from a foreign entity during this criminal operation. Many know this phenomenon as the "deep state". Yet, despite years of legal proceedings and public outcry, critical information remains shrouded in secrecy. *This is unacceptable*. Tennesseans, like all Americans, deserve to know the full scope of these events—not merely as a matter of curiosity, but as a right rooted in our republic's democratic system. Tennessee can, and by God *should*, set a precedent of accountability by demanding that the federal government release these files without any redactions or delay, demonstrating leadership where others have failed.

The Constitution, while not explicitly mandating transparency by use of the word, establishes a government "*of the people, by the people, and for the people.*" This principle, articulated in the Declaration of Independence and embodied in the Constitution's structure, presupposes an informed citizenry capable of holding its leaders accountable. And *We the People* demand immediate accountability.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech and press, which thrive only when information flows freely and is not concealed by a corrupt government. The Ninth and Tenth Amendments reserve powers to the people and states, respectively, empowering Tennessee to assert its voice when the federal government withholds truths that affect public trust and safety. As it stands, the Federal government and its current leadership have failed the American people on this most pivotal issue. Transparency is not a privilege bestowed by officials; it is an inalienable right inherent to self-governance.

Moreover, the Epstein files likely contain evidence of systemic abuses of power- abuses that, if left concealed, erode the rule of law that Article VI of the Constitution upholds. By calling for their release, Tennessee would reinforce the checks and balances designed to prevent such corruption. Historical precedent supports this stance: from the truth revealed about the War in Iraq, to the Covid-19 era, and recently the government fraud exposed by DOGE, transparency has proven essential to correcting governmental overreach and restoring public faith.

Tennessee's leadership on this issue would resonate nationally, pressuring federal authorities to act and inspiring other states to follow suit. Our state's legacy of independence—forged in the Volunteer spirit and exemplified by figures like John Sevier and Davy Crockett—demands that we reject secrecy in favor of truth, and choose truth over cowardice. The Epstein files are not merely a federal concern; they implicate the safety of our communities, the integrity of our institutions, and the trust of our citizens.

The people of Tennessee stood for you at the ballot boxes, and now it is time that you stand for us. This goes for every elected official at every level throughout government in our state and also the current presidential administration. We respectfully but firmly demand that you, as our elected officials tasked with representing us accurately and faithfully, propose or support a resolution in the Tennessee General Assembly *calling for the unconditional release of the Epstein files*. In addition, we expect *justice to be served swiftly to those implicated in the crimes*. Such a measure should affirm that transparency is a constitutional cornerstone and urge Congress and the executive branch to act swiftly. Tennessee can lead where others hesitate, proving that the Volunteer State stands for justice, accountability, and the people's right to know. Let us be a beacon for freedom and honor!

Thank you for your urgent cooperation and service to our state. We stand ready to discuss this matter further or assist in any way necessary to advance this cause.

Sincerely,

We the People of Tennessee