

Maxwell can clear Trump's name in Epstein probe in exchange for clemency, attorney says

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House Oversight Chairman James Comer arrives to speak to reporters after Ghislaine Maxwell's deposition on Capitol Hill Monday.

Ghislaine Maxwell, who was sentenced to prison for 20 years for conspiring with Jeffrey Epstein to abuse minors, sent a clear message to Donald Trump on Monday that if the president were to grant her clemency, she would clear his name of any wrongdoing as it pertains to Epstein.

The extraordinary overture, stated by Maxwell's lawyer Monday morning during her virtual deposition before the House Oversight Committee, ensures the Epstein saga will continue to remain a political hotspot.

"Ms. Maxwell is prepared to speak fully and honestly if granted clemency by President Trump," attorney David Oscar Markus said in a statement during the deposition, which he later posted on X. "Only she can provide the complete account. Some may not like what they hear, but the truth matters. For example, both President Trump and President Clinton are innocent of any wrongdoing."

Markus also said that: "Ms. Maxwell alone can explain why, and the public is entitled to that explanation."

Trump has not ruled out the possibility of offering Maxwell a pardon or commutation.

Trump and Clinton, who appear throughout the files released by DOJ, have denied any wrongdoing related to Epstein.

House Oversight Chair James Comer called Maxwell's decision to plead the Fifth "very disappointing" and said lawmakers "had many questions to ask about the crime she and Epstein committed, as well as questions about potential co-conspiracy."

Democrats on the committee accused Maxwell of trying to buy her clemency by refusing to testify. "We will not allow this silence to stand," Democratic Rep. Melanie Stansbury said.

When asked if he would subpoena Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick as part of the probe, Comer said he was going to focus on five depositions he has coming up.

The Clintons are expected to appear behind closed doors later this month for depositions.