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The ranking Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee asked the Fed nominee to explain why his name is included in documents from 2010.

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) has sent a letter to Kevin Warsh, President Trump's nominee to chair the Federal Reserve Board, asking him to explain his ties to the late Jeffrey Epstein.

Reports that Warsh's name appears in materials the Justice Department released under the Epstein Files Transparency Act "raise serious concerns," said Warren, the top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee.

"As the Senate considers your nomination to serve as Chair of the Fed, it is essential the public fully understand the extent of any interactions or relationship you had with Jeffrey Epstein," Warren said.

"As multiple sources have reported, your name appears to be included in these files," Warren wrote in the letter to Warsh. "Specifically, you and your wife 'appear in a list shared with Epstein titled 'St. Barth's Christmas 2010,' among other guests who were planning to attend a party on the island.'" She also cited an email forwarded to Epstein that includes Warsh's name.

Warren posed a set of questions to Warsh, including whether he traveled to St. Barthelmy "at any point during December 2010 or January 2011." She also asked whether he attended any events during that time where Epstein or his associate Ghislane Maxwell was present.

Warren also asked about a 2010 email exchange forwarded to Epstein mentioning "Ms. Jane Lauder (Kevin Warsh)" and a "list of people peggy invited to Wall Street." Epstein and Maxwell were also on the list, Warren said, along with President Trump and members of his family.

"It is unclear whether and to what extent you interacted with Mr. Epstein in association with the invitation referenced in this email exchange," Warren wrote to Warsh. She also requested copies of any communications between Warsh and Peggy Siegal or employees of Peggy Siegal Company.

"By July 2010 – the year of the email exchanges described above – Epstein had settled "multiple" additional civil lawsuits with his victims," Warren wrote.

The letter also asks Warsh to describe and provide dates for "any additional interactions and communications, if any," he had with Epstein or Maxwell.

Warren requested answers to her questions by March 31.

Warren, along with other Democrats on the panel, last month asked Banking Committee Chairman Tim Scott to delay Warsh's nomination hearing until "pretextual criminal investigations into Fed Chair Jerome Powell and Fed Governor Lisa Cook are closed (see *Banking and Finance Law Daily*, Feb. 4, 2026).

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