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I imagine we will receive many inquiries like this. We of course will not comment on any of it but I wanted you to know.

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**From:** [REDACTED], Christopher [<mailto:CBrennan@nydailynews.com>]

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Hello,  
My name is Christopher [REDACTED] and I am a reporter at the NY Daily News. I am writing a story about proposed Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, including his time in the Southern District of Florida. I had seen that he was previously criticized for a "sweetheart deal" allowing Jeffrey Epstein to plead guilty to state prostitution charges in exchange for no federal charges being pursued.

Correspondence between Acosta and Epstein's attorneys was also seen in a suit against the government by two victims who say their rights under the Crime Victims Rights Act  
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/victims-feds-hid-sweetheart-deal-sex-offender-deep/story?id=36843144>

I was wondering if you have any comment on Acosta's tenure in your office, the characterization of the Epstein plea as a "sweetheart deal" and allegations that Acosta and Marie Villafana were involved in a "conspiracy between the Government and Epstein's attorneys to conceal the existence of a broad, non-prosecution agreement."

Feel free to call me at [REDACTED] or on my cell at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Christopher [REDACTED]

Reporter  
NY Daily News

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