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July 15, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
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Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
935 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Director Wray:

We are gravely concerned by the assassination attempt on former President Trump and the loss of life of an innocent bystander and injuries to several others during a campaign rally in Butler, PA, on Saturday, July 13, 2024. In light of Saturday's shooting, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Committee) is initiating a bipartisan investigation into how this was able to occur, what security, personnel, or other failures contributed to the attempt, and steps that must be taken to ensure any mistakes are avoided in the future.

Accordingly, we request that the appropriate representatives of your Departments, including the U.S. Secret Service, provide a briefing to members of the Committee on the security failures that allowed this alarming incident to transpire. Specifically, we would like to understand the security posture at the Trump campaign rally, how the suspect was able to get this close to a Secret Service protectee and cause injury to the protectee, and what steps the Department is taking to increase its protection of presidential candidates and ensure the safety of the election. We also would like information on whether any additional security requests were made by former President Trump's campaign or protective team since November 15, 2022. This briefing should occur no later than Thursday, July 25, 2024. Additionally, we request you, or your appropriate designee, appear before the Committee in a public hearing on this matter as soon as possible but no later than August 1, 2024.

Finally, we request that you provide the Committee with updates on this incident and the agencies' responses on a rolling basis. The Committee will be sending additional requests in the near future and we urge you to respond thoroughly and promptly.

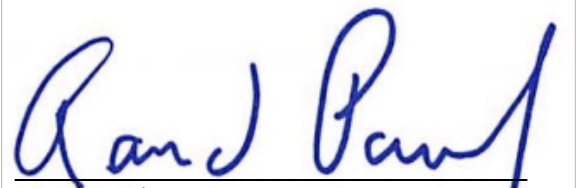
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Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters
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