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Dear Acting Director Rowe:

Pursuant to the authority under Senate Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 59, Section 12, we write to request documents and information related to the assassination attempt on former President Trump and the loss of life of one attendee and injuries to two others during a campaign rally in Butler, PA, on July 13, 2024. As Senator Peters and Senator Paul indicated in their letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Mayorkas and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Wray on July 15, 2024, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Committee) has initiated a bipartisan investigation into how this attack 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.¹ To assist in our investigation, please provide the following documents and information by August 7, 2024.

1. All documents and information provided to any other Congressional committees or Members related to the attempted assassination of former President Trump.

To the extent responsive documents and information are not covered by the above request, please provide the following documents and information:

2. **Planning**. All documents and information related to planning for the July 13, 2024 event, including without limitation:
 - a. site security plans, including maps, diagrams, and operational plans;
 - b. the designation of security perimeters;
 - c. roles and responsibilities of all federal agencies and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement partner agencies, and associated chains of command;

¹ Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Gary Peters and Ranking Member Rand Paul letter to Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security and Honorable Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice (July 15, 2024).

- d. risk or threat assessments and identified vulnerabilities, including without limitation, those that specifically address the building from which the shooter operated;
 - e. plans for responding to an attack during the event, including coordinating and communicating with SLTT and any other law enforcement partner agencies; and
 - f. any mutual aid agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other memoranda or documents between USSS and SLTT law enforcement partner agencies, or any other federal government agency establishing responsibilities, plans, or procedures, that were activated or in effect for the July 13, 2024, event.
3. **Resources.** All documents and information related to resources dedicated to former President Trump's protective detail as of July 13, 2024, including:
- a. the number of USSS agents, their roles and duties;
 - b. the number of non-USSS personnel, including without limitation Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) or any other personnel within DHS, their roles, and duties;
 - c. the number of other federal or SLTT law enforcement partner agencies that supported USSS's security and protection efforts at the July 13, 2024 event, including their roles, and duties;
 - d. the USSS footprint for the July 13, 2024, event, demonstrating the numbers of agents, their roles and duties, and any other USSS assets or resources (including unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and C-UAS capabilities and their respective deployments, assignments, and duty logs) or any other assets dedicated to the event;
 - e. what actions, if any, USSS took to further enhance the security of former President Trump's USSS protective detail in response to intelligence indicating a potential Iranian plot to assassinate former President Trump, and when USSS took those actions;
 - f. any internal reviews or audits conducted regarding resource allocation for this event;
 - g. any requests from former President Trump's campaign, his protective detail, or anyone else within USSS for additional protective resources to his USSS security detail from January 20, 2021, to the present, including any approvals or denials, justifications for any denials, or modifications; and
 - h. any changes, including without limitation "additional security enhancements" USSS made to former President Trump's USSS protective detail after the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt, as referenced in the USSS Director's July 15, 2024, statement.
 - i. To the extent that the number of USSS agents or any other officers, assets, or resources from any federal or SLTT law enforcement partner agencies provided

for the event was less than initially planned, requested, or offered, please indicate for what USSS, or federal or SLTT law enforcement partner fewer resources were provided, the reasoning/justification, the number or type of resource not provided, and all supporting documents and information related to such decisions.


4. **Policies.** All documents and information related to USSS policies, procedures, and protocols for:
 - a. USSS's Advance Planning Methodology and conducting pre-event security assessments;
 - b. responding to potential threats to a protectee;
 - c. USSS counter sniper teams; and
 - d. training for agents assigned to protect high-risk individuals.
 - e. Please also provide documents and information identifying (i) whether any deviations were made from any of the above policies, procedures, or protocols related to former President Trump's protective detail before or on July 13, 2024, who approved such deviations and when, and (ii) whether any updates or changes to these protocols were made following the July 13, 2024.
5. **Timeline.** A detailed "tick-tock" timeline of USSS's actions: from selection of the location for former President Trump's event on July 13, 2024, on July 13, 2024 prior to the attempted assassination of former President Trump (including any advance security planning); on July 13, 2024, through the shooting (including when USSS became aware of the suspicious person who would eventually commit the attempted assassination); and until the rally site was declared secure.
6. **Intelligence.** All documents and information related intelligence generated or received by USSS in advance of or during the July 13, 2024 event, including finished intelligence products, bulletins, or raw intelligence, regarding:
 - a. potential threats to the July 13, 2024, event;
 - b. the perpetrator of the attempted assassination of former President Trump;
 - c. a potential assassination plot by Iran or any of its proxies against former President Trump; or
 - d. the elections threat environment.
7. **Communications.** All documents and information related to:
 - a. any communications internally within USSS or externally to or from any outside office, agency, or entity, related to the July 13, 2024, event, from any time up to and including July 13, 2024; and
 - b. any communications internally within USSS or externally to or from any outside office, agency, or entity, related to former President Trump's protective detail or other security measures, between November 15, 2022, and July 13, 2024.

8. **Investigations.** All documents and information related to (i) the independent investigation into the July 13, 2024, event for DHS, and (ii) the USSS internal investigation into the July 13, 2024 event. For both investigations please provide:
- a. all documents relating to the scope of the investigation, who is leading the investigation, and the deadline of the investigation;
 - b. all directives, guidance, or parameters given to the entity conducting the investigation; and
 - c. all assessments of what failures occurred (by either USSS or other federal or SLTT law enforcement partner agencies) that allowed the attempted assassination of former President Trump, including without limitation resource constraints.
9. The Site Post Log from Butler, SSF 3048.

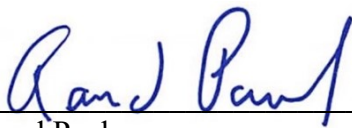
The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV (k)(2)(B) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate matters that aid the Committee in “studying the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government.”² Under Senate Resolution 59, Sec. 12(e)(2), of the 118th Congress, the Committee’s investigative duties “shall not be construed to be limited to the records, functions, and operations of any particular branch of the Government and may extend to the records and activities of any persons, corporation, or other entity.”³

Please see attachment A to this letter for a description of the documents and information covered by this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 224-2627.


Sincerely,




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² S. Rule XXV(k)(2)(B).

³ S. Res. 59, Sec. 12(e)(2).