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The Honorable John Thune
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
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Dear Leaders:

We write today about the importance of including \$1 billion to the United States Secret Service (USSS) in the upcoming budget reconciliation bill. The USSS will use this critical funding to address urgent needs in response to the unprecedented increase in threats against the President and other public officials.

As you know, the threat environment for public officials and figures has reached a level not seen in decades. The American people have seen firsthand the repeated attempts on President Donald J. Trump's life, including the attempted assassination of President Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania in 2024. A mere two weeks ago, an individual traveled to Washington, DC for the apparent purpose of shooting President Trump at the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner. Just this week, the USSS responded to an armed suspect near White House grounds.

Moreover, the threat environment the USSS must grapple with is becoming more advanced and sophisticated, requiring the USSS to respond accordingly. Advancements in drone technology, biological threats, and other emerging vectors present new challenges for the USSS and additional resources are needed to properly respond.

The \$1 billion in funding included in the reconciliation bill will assist the USSS in delivering critical security upgrades at the White House to minimize threats, including the security components to the East Wing Modernization Project, in addition to other critical missions for the USSS. More specifically, this multi-faceted approach includes providing funding for projects such as:

- **White House Security Updates** to fulfill the USSS's responsibility to provide security for both the above and below ground requirements of the East Wing Modernization Project, which will afford needed protection for the President, his family, and visitors, along with the below-ground security functions. Importantly, as the legislative text makes explicit, none of these funds will be used to support non-security improvements at the White House.¹
- **Increased Protection for Protectees**, which includes investments in security improvements for protectees, including investments to secure frequently visited venues facing heightened risk due to their public visibility and static nature.
- **Training and Training Facilities Improvements** to train USSS agents in the modern threat environment and update the USSS's critical training facilities.
- **Evolving Threats and Technology**, which includes funds to support the Secret Service Special Operations Division and its work to counter drones, airspace incursions, unmanned systems, biological threats, and other emerging threats through modern technologies
- **Events of National Significance**, which includes funding for increased security measures to ensure safety at high profile national events that require significant planning, specialized training, advanced screening technologies, perimeter, and security assets.

The brave men and women of the USSS are being asked to meet a higher than ever threat level and must immediately be equipped with the strengthened tools, facilities, and infrastructure they need to perform their duties. This funding will serve as a critical infusion to ensure the safety of the current President and future Presidents.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to working with you and Congress to ensure this funding is expeditiously signed into law.

Sincerely,

Markwayne Mullin
Secretary of Homeland Security

Sean Curran
Director
United States Secret Service

¹ Section 5(b): "None of the funds made available under this section may be used for non-security elements of the East Wing Modernization Project." Senate Judiciary Committee Title, [https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/reconciliation - senate judiciary committee title.pdf](https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/reconciliation%20-%20senate%20judiciary%20committee%20title.pdf), accessed 5/5/26.

