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The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Katie Britt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairman Murphy and Ranking Member Britt:

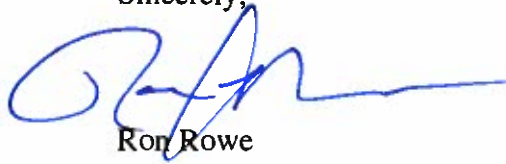
Thank you for your July 31, 2024 letter regarding the July 13, 2024 attempted assassination of Former President Trump. I join you and all Americans in condemning the horrific assault on the Former President and share in your praise for the heroism of the agents who responded to the attempted assassination within seconds. This is emblematic of the selfless dedication of the personnel who execute the no-fail mission of the United States Secret Service each and every day.

The threat environment and expanding protection requirements necessitate a paradigm shift in the Secret Service's levels of protection, readiness, and sustainability. The Secret Service protective model must be elevated to provide comprehensive and advanced protection capabilities to proactively confront "All Threats, All Hazards" with robust internal sustainability and the ability to dynamically escalate and de-escalate to scale relative to the threat environment. We have taken necessary steps to meet the operational tempo of the protective mission today, but the increased mission requirements of the Secret Service necessitate additional resources to ensure that we have the tools, resources, and personnel needed to meet these new requirements and execute our mission going forward. While reviews and investigations are ongoing, we do not believe that the security failure of July 13, 2024 was the result of a lack of resources.

Answers to your specific questions are in the attachment to this letter. Please be advised that some of the information contained in these materials is law enforcement sensitive as it reflects Secret Service protective techniques and protocols. We are producing these records without forgoing any interests in protecting the sensitive law enforcement information they contain. Accordingly, we would ask that the Committee not disclose protected information in a public setting and consult with us prior to disclosing agency information with third parties.

Thank you again for your letter, and for your steadfast support for the United States Secret Service. I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you and provide further detail about the resource needs described in the attachment to this letter. In the meantime, should your staff have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to have them contact the Acting Special Agent in Charge of our Congressional Affairs Office, Joshua McDowell at cafhq@uss.s.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Ron Rowe
Acting Director

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Susan Collins, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Mark Amodei, Chairman,
House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Lauren Underwood, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security