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Acting Director Rowe,

The U.S. House of Representatives is investigating the U.S. Secret Service's (Secret Service) preparation for President Donald J. Trump's July 13, 2024, rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and their response to his attempted assassination. That shooting tragically resulted in the death of Corey Comperatore, serious injury to two other rally attendees, and nearly resulted in the first assassination of a candidate for President in nearly 60 years.

It is unfathomable that an assassin was able to gain access to and fire shots at President Trump from an unsecure building with a direct line of sight to the rally stage. It is equally unfathomable that public reporting suggests that U.S. Secret Service had identified the building as a potential vulnerability and failed to include that vulnerability within the security perimeter or otherwise ensure the security of the roof.

Public reporting indicates that the Secret Service is in possession of a draft report by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) focused on Secret Service's preparation for and response to events on January 6, 2021. The story specifically states that the release of the report "could cast light on a series of embarrassing security lapses for the agency."¹

Congress, and the American people, deserve to understand whether the security lapses at the July 13, 2024, rally are part of a larger pattern of negligence on the part of the Secret Service. Accordingly, please provide the following by August 7, 2024:

- A summary of the findings of the draft DHS OIG report;
- A summary of the recommendations included in the DHS OIG report;

¹ Woodruff Swan, B. (2024) *A DHS report on Jan. 6 could drop soon. it could be bad for the Secret Service.* - politico, Politico. Available at: <https://www.politico.com/news/2024/07/22/dhs-secret-service-january-6-report-00170391>.

- What steps the Secret Service took to implement those recommendations ahead of the July 13, 2024, rally;
- What recommendations are still outstanding as of the time of the Secret Service's testimony before the House Oversight Committee on July 22, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Andy Biggs
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eli Crane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eli Crane
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harriet M. Hageman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping line at the end.

Harriet M. Hageman
Member of Congress