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Committee on Homeland Security
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Secretary Mayorkas:

To assist the Committee on Homeland Security (Committee) with its oversight of the government's security and response efforts surrounding the July 13, 2024, attempted assassination of President Donald J. Trump, enclosed is a subpoena compelling the production of outstanding documents and information requested in the Committee's July 14, 2024 letter.¹

On July 14, 2024, the Committee requested specific documents and information relating to the attempted assassination of President Trump. Due to the extraordinary and urgent circumstances under investigation, and with less than four months before the election, the Committee seeks swift and thorough compliance with its requests for documents and information.

The Committee reiterated its request two days later while also seeking a status update from the Department of Homeland Security (Department) on the production of requested documents and information.² The Department, however, has provided only a vague response that it "cannot respond to document requests until [the Republican National Convention (RNC) and an internal investigation] are addressed."³ The Committee in response, requested that the Department explain its definition of "addressed," highlighted that the RNC is scheduled to conclude before the Committee's deadline for the requested documents and information, and asked for an estimated timeframe for completion of the internal investigation.⁴ The Department has not provided any further response to the Committee's inquiries.

The Committee requires the documents and information compelled by the attached subpoena to effectively carry out oversight of the Department's handling of security for

¹ Letter from Hon. Mark Green, Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 14, 2024).

² E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2024, 11:52 EDT) (on file with author).

³ E-mail from Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., to Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2024, 12:34 EDT) (on file with author).

⁴ E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2024, 13:44 EDT) (on file with author).

presidential candidates and other high-profile protectees, as well as to fully evaluate potential legislation to reform the Department's handling of this responsibility. Analyzing the security plan for the event site, direct evidence of protective resource levels, and the rules of engagement for U.S. Secret Service (USSS) agents will begin to provide the factual grounds to assess security and policy shortcomings. Such documents and information requested in the Committee's July 14, 2024 letter will assist the Committee to better understand any resource, communications, coordination, and any other gaps that led to the security failure on July 13, 2024. There can be no room for failure in the Secret Service's protective mission. The Department's functions related to the USSS and its protective mission are directly within the purview of the Committee's oversight authorities.

Separate and apart from the documents that the Committee has requested and is today subpoenaing, I also want to reiterate other areas where the Department's cooperation with the Committee's oversight related to the events of July 13, 2024 have been unacceptable. The Committee invited you and Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle to testify at a hearing on July 23, 2024 on matters surrounding the July 13, 2024 assassination attempt.⁵ The Committee twice followed up with the USSS to discuss the Director's availability to testify before the Committee, but did not receive a response.⁶ The Committee also followed up with the Department concerning the invitation for your testimony before the Committee on July 23, 2024.⁷ The Department's Office of Legislative Affairs originally acknowledged receipt of the Committee's invitation to you, but failed to confirm your intent to testify.⁸ Yesterday, however, the Department called Committee staff and confirmed your declination to testify without offering alternative dates.

Moreover, on July 14, 2024, the Committee emailed the Department requesting a call between myself and you regarding the events of July 13, 2024.⁹ The Department acknowledged receipt of the request, and despite two follow-up emails the request continues to go unanswered.¹⁰

⁵ Letter from Hon. Mark Green, Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 15, 2024); Letter from Hon. Mark Green, Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Kimberly Cheatle, Director, U.S. Secret Service (July 15, 2024).

⁶ E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Cong. Aff., U.S. Secret Service. (July 16, 2024, 17:28 EDT) (on file with author); E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Cong. Aff., U.S. Secret Service. (July 17, 2024, 08:02 EDT) (on file with author).

⁷ E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2024, 17:28 EDT) (on file with author); E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 17, 2024, 08:02 EDT) (on file with author).

⁸ Email from Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., to Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec. (July 17, 2024, 09:29 EDT) (on file with author).

⁹ E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 14, 2024, 11:32 EDT) (on file with author).

¹⁰ Email from Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., to Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec. (July 14, 2024, 16:07 EDT) (on file with author); E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 15, 2024, 08:34 EDT) (on file with author); E-mail from Staff, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Off. of Legis. Aff., U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2024, 15:07 EDT) (on file with author).

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This lack of cooperation is unacceptable and must come to an end.

Per Rule X of the U.S House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy, and has special oversight functions of “all Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MARK E. GREEN, M.D.

Chairman

Encl.

cc: The Honorable Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security