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July 17, 2024

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Director Cheatle:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability (Oversight Committee) is investigating the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on former President Donald J. Trump. The Oversight Committee is subpoenaing you, Director of the U.S. Secret Service (Secret Service), to appear for a public hearing on July 22, 2024, titled “Oversight of the U.S. Secret Service and the Attempted Assassination of President Donald J. Trump.”¹ The attached subpoena is issued pursuant to Rule XI.2(m)(1)(B) of the Rules of the House of Representatives and Rule 12(g) of the Oversight Committee’s rules.

The protective mission of the Secret Service is to “play a critical role in protecting U.S. and visiting world leaders, safeguarding U.S. elections through protection of candidates and nominees, and ensuring the security of key facilities and major, national-level events.”² The assassination attempt of the former President and current Republican nominee for president represents a total failure of the agency’s core mission and demands Congressional oversight. Despite allowing you to speak with the media,³ both the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Secret Service have failed to provide assurances regarding your appearance at the Oversight Committee’s scheduled hearing, thereby necessitating the attached subpoena.

On the day of the deadly attack, the Committee sent a written request for your voluntary attendance at a public hearing on July 22, 2024.⁴ The Committee next wrote to you on July 15,

¹ Hearing Notice from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability for Kimberly Cheatle, Director, U.S. Secret Service (Jul. 15, 2024).

² United State Secret Service website, last accessed on Jul. 17, 2024.

³ Julie Reinstein, Luke Barr, Quinn Owen, Alexander Mallin, and Jack Date, *ABC Exclusive: Trump rally shooting 'unacceptable,' Secret Service director says*, ABC News (Jul. 15, 2024).

⁴ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability to Kimberly Cheatle, Director, U.S. Secret Service (Jul. 13, 2024).

Director Kimberly Cheatle

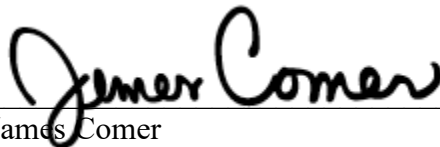
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2024, requesting specific information in anticipation of your testimony at the July 22 public hearing.⁵ Initially, the Secret Service committed to your attendance. Subsequently, however, DHS officials appear to have intervened and your attendance is now in question. In addition, since DHS's intervention, there have been no meaningful updates or information shared with the Committee. The lack of transparency and failure to cooperate with the Committee on this pressing matter by both DHS and the Secret Service further calls into question your ability to lead the Secret Service and necessitates the attached subpoena compelling your appearance before the Oversight Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this deposition, please contact James Mandolfo or Jake Greenberg with the Committee at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "C".

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

⁵ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability to Kimberly Cheatle, Director, U.S. Secret Service (Jul. 15, 2024).

SUBPOENA

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To Director Kimberly A. Cheatle

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

of the House of Representatives of the United States at the place, date, and time specified below.

to produce the things identified on the attached schedule touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of production: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____

to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____

to testify at a hearing touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Date: July 22, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM (EST)

To any authorized staff member or designated official with the United States Marshals Service

to serve and make return.

Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at

the city of Washington, D.C. this 17th day of July, 2024.

James Comer

Chairman or Authorized Member

Attest:

Kerrin F. McAuliffe

Clerk