



U.S. House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
Washington, DC 20515-6065

July 22, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has the critical responsibility of safeguarding the security of not only our citizens but our nation's political leaders. Recent demonstrations of escalating threats and violence towards our presidential candidates have heightened concerns regarding the adequacy of protective details.

As Chairman of the House Committee on the Budget, I am particularly interested in the budgetary resources allocated to protective details for President Biden and Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump during their respective presidential campaigns. This information is essential for ensuring adequate security measures are in place to protect our leaders amidst the evolving security landscape.

We kindly request comprehensive information on the following items:

1. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the budgetary resources dedicated to protective services for both President Biden and Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump from January to July 2024. This should encompass all relevant costs, including personnel, equipment, and operational expenditures.
2. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the budgetary resources dedicated to protective services for presidential candidates over the past four presidential cycles. This should encompass all relevant costs, including personnel, equipment, and operational expenditures.
3. Please provide a comprehensive breakdown of any adjustments made in response to the recent heightened security threats against Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump.
4. Please detail the projected costs associated with these protective details leading up to the upcoming election. Understanding the anticipated financial obligations will help us evaluate and ensure the safety of our political leaders.

5. Please provide any communication records from either President Biden's campaign or White House staff, and Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump's staff requesting additional protective resources over the past year.

Given the urgency of this matter, we kindly request your prompt attention and response by July 29, 2024. Please address your response or any clarifying questions to Eric Davis at eric.davis@mail.house.gov. We appreciate your time and attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.C.A.", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jodey C. Arrington
Chairman
Committee on the Budget