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Chairman Comer:

Thank you for your commitment to improving the integrity and accountability of the federal government. As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, I write to request a hearing on the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) failures to adequately protect former President Trump with former Secret Service Special Agent Daniel Bongino as a witness.

As you know, on July 13, a deranged gunman, Thomas Crooks, shot at President Trump during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Crooks obtained a vantage point 400 to 500 feet away from President Trump on a nearby rooftop. The USSS was unable to prevent Crooks from taking the shot, despite being aware of the vulnerability of the rooftop and of Crooks as a suspicious individual. On September 15, only 64 days after the assassination attempt in Pennsylvania, another individual, Ryan Routh, attempted to assassinate President Trump at his golf club in Florida. After camping out in the bushes for nearly 12 hours with a rifle, Routh was able to get within 500 yards of President Trump before being shot at by USSS.

Whether it is because of malice or gross incompetence, the USSS has twice failed in its mission of protecting the former president. Furthermore, current leaders at the USSS are not transparent with Congress. That is why I respectfully encourage the Committee to hold a hearing on these assassination attempts with former special agent Bongino, who served as a New York police officer from 1995 to 1999 and with the USSS from 1999 to 2011. Bongino's perspective as both a police officer and special agent is vital to understanding the failures surrounding President Trump's security. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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