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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Sean M. Curran
Director
United States Secret Service
Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Director Curran:

I write to urge you to take immediate action to fully assess the United States Secret Service's ability to fulfill its protective mission. Your agency is charged with protecting President Trump, Vice President Vance, and Cabinet officials, as well as providing physical security for the White House grounds. Yet, nearly two weeks after an armed, left-wing assassin infiltrated the White House Correspondents' Dinner—and has been charged with an assassination attempt on President Trump's life—it is blatantly clear that the Secret Service needs to be cleaned up. Had it not been for the brave agents who swiftly acted, many of the participants that evening—including the President—could have been seriously harmed.

Since President Trump returned to office, there have been several revelations that raise serious doubts about the state of your agency and its ability to keep its protectees safe. First, two weeks before the April 25 White House Correspondents' Dinner incident, Secret Service investigators were unable to determine any identifying information about a gunman who fired shots near the White House in an unrelated incident on April 6.¹ To date, the gunman who fired these shots outside the President's residence has yet to be identified.² There have been numerous other personnel incidents at your agency, including: an agent faulted for security failures at the 2024 Butler rally marrying a foreign national without promptly notifying her superiors; an agent allegedly engaging in a massive tax fraud scheme; and an agent being charged with murdering his brother.³ These are just a few of the many examples of personnel concerns that demonstrate a clear pattern of incompetence at the Secret Service that must be promptly addressed.

There are also broader questions about your agency's ability to properly vet and hire agents, which has resulted in continued manpower and morale issues. In one deeply disturbing example, it was recently reported that a Secret Service Uniformed Division officer was arrested at a hotel in Miami for engaging in lewd conduct that falls well below the standard that Secret Service agents should

¹ Susan Crabtree, *EXCLUSIVE: Gunman Near White House Eluded Secret Service Two Weeks Before Dinner Shooting*, REAL CLEAR POLITICS (April 26, 2026), https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2026/04/26/exclusive_gunman_near_white_house_eluded_secret_service_two_weeks_before_dinner_shooting__154066.html.

² *Id.*

³ See Susan Crabtree (@susancrabtree), X (April 20, 2026, 2:57 PM), <https://x.com/susancrabtree/status/2046302315553141191>.

aspire—and be required—to meet.⁴ And, as I noted in my September 2025 letter to you, your agency employed an agent who suggested that Charlie Kirk deserved to be assassinated.⁵ At a time when President Trump faces increasing threats to his safety, including yet another assassination attempt, the Secret Service cannot afford to have individuals who engage in this kind of embarrassing, disgraceful conduct on its payroll.

It is apparent that the United States Secret Service is in desperate need of a course correction. For these reasons, I urge you to immediately commence a full, thorough audit of every single employee on your payroll. Unless you root out the rot, our nation will suffer the consequences.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
United States Senator

⁴ Susan Crabtree, *Secret Service Officer's Embarrassing Arrest Spurs More Scrutiny*, REAL CLEAR POLITICS (May 5, 2026), https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2026/05/05/secret_service_officers_embarrassing_arrest_spurs_more_scrutiny_154095.html.

⁵ See Letter from Senator Blackburn to Director Sean M. Curran (Sept. 12, 2025), <https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/2025/9/general/blackburn-calls-for-immediate-termination-of-secret-service-agent-following-his-reprehensible-social-media-post-suggesting-charlie-kirk-deserved-assassination>.