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The Hon. Joseph V. Cuffari
Inspector General
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20528-03035

Dear Inspector Cuffari:

On July 17, I wrote to you urging you to prioritize your investigation into “Secret Service’s Process for Securing Former President Trump’s July 13, 2024 Event” and encouraging you to open investigations into Secret Service’s failures. I appreciated your response of July 24 confirming that you had opened additional investigations and were “working quickly to conduct these reviews.” Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that the Secret Service may have interfered with your audits by blocking your office’s access.

According to new whistleblower allegations to my office, Secret Service headquarters blocked several of your auditors from accessing recent Trump campaign events. Although your staff was permitted access to an event in North Carolina that was staffed by the Secret Service’s “best” Presidential Protect Division Agents, they were denied access to other events. The Secret Service whistleblower alleges that the denial was in order to hide the fact that the former president is not receiving a consistent level of protective assets for all of his engagements.

These allegations contradict Acting Director Rowe’s public statements that former President Trump is receiving “the highest level of Secret Service protection” and “he’s getting everything” that “the current president has with respect to Secret Service assets.” As you continue to audit the agency’s programs and activities, you should be aware of these allegations, which indicate that the Secret Service is not in fact cooperating with your auditors and is instead painting a false picture.

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley
United States Senator