



One Hundred Sixteenth Congress
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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James M. Murray
Director
U.S. Secret Service
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Director Murray:

I write to request information regarding the costs incurred by the Secret Service to protect President Trump and his family on domestic and international travel from his inauguration in January 2017 to the present.

President Trump and his family require 24-hour protection from the Secret Service, including trips taken for both official business and personal reasons. Such trips require the Secret Service to provide personnel for the advance team, protective detail, and on-site support.

In January 2019, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined the costs incurred by federal agencies to support President Trump and his family's travel.¹ The office estimated that the Secret Service spent approximately \$1.6 million in taxpayer money to provide support for four trips the President took to his Mar-a-Lago property between February and March 2017. Additionally, the Secret Service reportedly spent \$390,000 to protect the President's adult children and their spouses during three international trips between January and February 2017.

Although GAO has provided analysis on this topic, its review was focused on a select number of individual trips. The large number of protectees in the Trump family and their frequency of travel has already strained the Secret Service's budget, making it important that this Committee fully understand the resources required of the Secret Service to protect the First Family.² In order to

¹ Government Accountability Office, *Presidential Travel: Secret Service and DOD Need to Ensure That Expenditure Reports Are Prepared and Submitted to Congress*, January 2019.

<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/696512.pdf>

² Drew Harwell and Amy Brittain, "Secret Service asked for \$60 million extra for Trump-era travel and protection, documents show," *The Washington Post*, March 22, 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-asked-for-60-million-extra-for-trump-era-travel-and-protection-documents-show/2017/03/22/0967e7b6-0a85-11e7-a15f-a58d4a988474_story.html

assess the agency's forthcoming Fiscal Year 2021 budget request, I am seeking information on the expenses your office has incurred to support the travel of President Trump and his family throughout his time in office.

Pursuant to House Rule X³, I request that you provide the following information by February 3, 2020:

1. For all trips taken by President Trump, please provide: the date of the trip, purpose of the trip, location(s) visited, and expenses by category (e.g., lodging, per diem), please identify any expenses incurred for use of Trump properties.
2. For all trips taken by members of President Trump's family provided Secret Service protection, please provide: the date of the trip, name(s) of the family member, purpose of the trip, location(s) visited, and expenses by category (e.g., lodging, per diem), please identify any expenses incurred for use of Trump properties.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Chairman

³ House Rule X, clause 1(j).