



# Chairman John Carter

*Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
House Committee on Appropriations*

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**FY 2017 U.S. Secret Service Budget Request  
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Opening Statement As Prepared**

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Hearing is called to order –

Today we welcome Joe Clancy, the Director of the U. S. Secret Service, in his second appearance before the subcommittee. Director Clancy, welcome...we appreciate you being here and thank you for your service to DHS and our Nation.

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to remember former Congressman Martin Sabo who passed away this past weekend in his home state of Minnesota. Congressman Sabo served 28 years in Congress and for two years served as the ranking member on this subcommittee. Please remember his friends and family in your prayers.

First, I want to commend you and Secret Service on successfully and, most importantly, safely completing multiple National Security Special Events last September; especially since several of the events overlapped as the Pope visited Washington, New York, and Philadelphia at the same time the United Nations General Assembly hosted 162 heads of state in New York. It was truly a whole of government response. Thank you and everyone at the Service for a job well done.

The fiscal year 2017 budget for Secret Service is \$1.9 billion, a decrease of \$42.4 million below fiscal year 2016, which is largely due to the close of the 2016 Presidential Campaign cycle.

I am pleased to see continued investment in communications with the inclusion of \$27 million to compete a long needed reinvestment in radios and a significant increase to explosive detection systems, chemical, biological and radiological detections systems and upgrades to the White House physical protective structures.

Director, while you have tackled many challenges over the last year, I remain concerned about the rate of hiring and associated attrition, which is forcing unsustainable overtime. On this note, a few weeks ago, you and I discussed a new agent career track path you instituted last summer to improve morale. However, your budget underfunds the program's latest initiatives by \$29 million or 130 percent. I look forward to hearing what you are doing to address these continuing challenges.

Before we turn to you for your opening statement, I would like to recognize Mrs. Roybal-Allard, our distinguished Ranking Member, for any remarks she'd like to make.

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