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Good afternoon, Chairman Amodei, Ranking Member Cuellar, and distinguished members of the Subcommittee. Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 President's Budget for the United States Secret Service (Secret Service). Our team, as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has developed a budget that addresses the agency's highest priority requirements for the coming year. As I sit here before you to discuss our agency's vital role and our resource needs, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the current DHS shutdown and its profound impacts on our agency. As the longest shutdown in history continues, the Secret Service implores the House to pass the Senate DHS funding bill and work expeditiously to enact a second reconciliation measure by June 1<sup>st</sup> to provide sustained funding to ICE and Border Patrol.

As Director, I am committed to properly resourcing the Secret Service aligned Strategic Plan, which focuses investments in five key pillars: operations, human capital, resources and physical assets, training, and technology. Over the past two decades, the Secret Service mission has expanded significantly, requiring matching investment to ensure continued success. The FY 2027 President's Budget, along with supplemental funding from this Subcommittee and the *Working Families Tax Cut Act*, is an important step forward, but additional resources are needed to address evolving threats and operational demands.

The FY 2027 President's Budget provides \$3.45 billion in discretionary funding for targeted investments to expand protective operations, prepare for major events, implement uniform protection standards, and deliver specialized training. It supports workforce growth through hiring and retention incentives, funds overtime, and enables training for new personnel. The President's Budget invests in advanced technologies, modernizes radio communications, strengthens protective intelligence and cyber-enabled fraud investigations, continues support for forensic training, and maintains funding for child safety initiatives. These resources ensure the Secret Service remains prepared for evolving threats and increasing operational demands.

Bold and sustained investments are essential as threats continue to evolve and as the mission grows. Additional resources and continued investment will be necessary to ensure the Secret Service remains equipped to protect the nation's leaders and financial infrastructure at the highest level. I look forward to partnering with you to ensure the Secret Service remains steadfast in its integrated mission of protection and investigations.

The Secret Service is the global leader in protective operations. We provide comprehensive security for the President and Vice President, their families, presidential and vice-presidential candidates, former Presidents and First Ladies, select senior Administration officials, visiting foreign heads of state and government, and designated National Special Security Events (NSSEs). Operational demands have increased sharply for the agency's protective mission, with protective visits rising from 5,242 in FY 2023 to 7,175 in FY 2025, a 37% increase. Magnetometer screenings more than doubled, from 1 million in FY 2023 to over 2.4 million in FY 2025. To meet expanding mission requirements and increasing threat levels, we have enhanced protective practices and preparations, including detailed tactical planning, increased anti-ballistic assets, enhanced perimeter security, deployed less-than-lethal technologies, and improved interoperability with law enforcement partners. The FY 2027 President's Budget includes \$32.2 million that will support increased protective operational tempo and enable

initiatives such as the Designated Marksman Overwatch Program. The funding also provides significant enhancements to our ability to counter the threats presented by unmanned aircraft systems.

With this funding, and additional resources from the *Working Families Tax Cut Act*, the Secret Service has established new initiatives to address emerging threats and evolving operational risks. Notably, the Operational Medicine Division (OMD) provides comprehensive medical support for protective operations, special events, training, and field activities – a critical need with early operational validation and success.

Operational responsibilities this year include NSSEs and other large-scale protected events. Preparations are underway for multiple major events, including America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, the United Nations General Assembly, the G20 summit, and the FIFA World Cup. As we look ahead, the Secret Service remains committed to proactively addressing the significant demands these events place on our personnel and resources. The scale and complexity of these events, combined with an elevated threat environment and increased operational tempo, continue to drive substantial resource and personnel requirements.

The FY 2027 President's Budget provides \$50.8 million for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games (planning for which is already underway), and \$90.8 million for the 2028 Presidential Campaign. This will be the first Presidential campaign cycle under *The Enhanced Presidential Security Act of 2024* (Public Law 118-91), which mandates uniform protection standards for all candidates, requiring increased resources beyond historical levels. The President's Budget provides sufficient funding to ensure operational readiness, including critical campaign-related training for the Secret Service and our DHS partners.

The Secret Service's integrated mission continues to grow in complexity, requiring highly qualified individuals capable of operating in unique and demanding environments. We recognize that to meet the demands of today's heightened threat landscape and operational tempo, we must grow our workforce. Our goal is to increase staffing by nearly 2,000 law enforcement personnel by the end of FY 2027.

The President's Budget includes an increase of \$237 million to hire 852 positions, comprised of 520 Special Agents, 256 Uniformed Division Officers, 50 Technical Law Enforcement personnel, and 26 administrative professional and technical staff. These investments, combined with resources supporting 837 positions included in the *Working Families Tax Cut Act*, are essential to meeting our aggressive hiring goals. To support this effort, Human Resources is modernizing hiring processes and implementing innovative solutions to reduce time-to-hire while maintaining strict standards. We have recently instituted a new hiring initiative referred to as the Accelerated Candidate Events (ACE). These hiring events allow applicants to complete multiple phases of the hiring process in four days, compressing time-to-hire by up to 120 days. These ACE events have thus far processed 2,089 applicants and referred 1,079 to the final steps in the hiring process. The Secret Service has scheduled two additional ACE events in FY 2026 to drive towards our aggressive hiring goals.

The Secret Service also implemented a range of recruitment and retention incentives to attract and retain top talent. These incentives include bonuses for Special Agents, Uniformed Division Officers and Special Mission Unit personnel, referral bonuses for current employees, and specialized retention incentives. The President's Budget includes a \$23 million increase to cover protective overtime costs earned above the General Schedule pay cap, supporting a workforce that frequently exceeds this threshold due to operational demands. These payroll initiatives are resource-intensive, and we appreciate your continued support as we work to stabilize our hiring pipeline and right-size the Secret Service workforce. Additionally, we are undertaking an effort to rebrand the Uniformed Division as the *United States Secret Service Police*, a move designed to enhance recruitment, clarify roles and responsibilities, and formally recognize the dedicated men and women who represent the ~23<sup>rd</sup>-largest police force in the country with the highest-priority mission in the nation.

To ensure we hire, train, equip, and deploy the best and brightest, we must increase training throughput by 250% from now until the end of FY 2027. The Secret Service James J. Rowley Training Center is already operating at maximum capacity, implementing 12-hour training days and weekend scheduling, resulting in extreme strain on existing facilities. Additional investment is needed to sustain operations. The President's Budget supports this effort by including \$41.9 million to maintain and increase training operations and infrastructure.

The range of threats we face continue to evolve. The FY 2027 President's Budget includes \$61.2 million in technology investments and \$102 million in funding for protective countermeasures. C-UAS and enabling UAS (E-UAS) technologies funding increased from \$7.2 million in FY 2024 to \$50.1 million in FY 2025, providing significant enhancements in this area. *The Working Families Tax Cut Act* also provided significant funding for these capabilities.

In addition to airspace security enhancements, the Secret Service is investing in physical protective measures across key venues and operations. The FY 2027 President's Budget provides \$50.32 million to modernize information technology infrastructure and continued development of the Next Generation Presidential Limousine. For deployable assets, this includes \$4.9 million to support a range of ballistic glass and the ability to transport these assets worldwide. For fixed assets, \$9.9 million is dedicated to improving explosive blast and ballistic resilience at critical sites.

Secret Service operations are further enhanced by comprehensive protective intelligence investigations. The Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information (SII) plans, directs, and coordinates all efforts related to the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of operational intelligence and threat information impacting the protective mission. Social media platforms continue to grow, making threats more prevalent. In FY 2025, SII managed more than 12,300 protective intelligence investigations, an increase of nearly 60% over the prior year. These investigations require significant resources to effectively manage threats. The President's Budget provides \$13.2 million for protective intelligence, counterintelligence, and counter-surveillance operations that are vital to the protective mission.

A key element to our protective methodology is how threats are managed. Threat mitigation concepts are readily shared with law enforcement and community partners through our National

Threat Assessment Center (NTAC). NTAC conducts research on behavioral threat assessment models, a recognized best practice for preventing targeted violence. NTAC provides training and consultation on threat assessment and violence prevention throughout communities via public training sessions. In FY 2025, NTAC conducted 371 training sessions for 68,465 participants. Since its founding, NTAC has trained nearly half a million public safety professionals on how to recognize warning signs and intervention techniques to prevent future loss of life.

Financial crimes investigations remain a significant priority and core mission area for the Secret Service. In FY 2025, the Secret Service recovered over \$751 million in financial losses related to cyber-enabled financial crime, of which \$472 million was returned to those victimized by these schemes. In FY 2025, the Secret Service arrested more than 700 criminals and responded to more than 600 network intrusions. These investigative successes represent almost an 880% return on investment when compared to our investigative budget. The FY 2027 President's Budget includes \$48.2 million to continue our investigative successes and partnerships with both international and domestic law enforcement agencies, many of which are members of Secret Service-led Cyber Fraud Task Forces (CFTFs).

Secret Service CFTFs are at the forefront of countering criminal cyber fraud, leading efforts against illicit activities such as cryptocurrency investment scams, ATM unlimited cash-out operations, and ransomware attacks. In June 2025, the Secret Service seized \$225 million in cryptocurrency linked to a money laundering network impacting victims worldwide. The case identified more than \$5.8 billion in reported losses in 2024 alone and underscores the ongoing efforts of the Secret Service to protect Americans from the rise in transnational criminal activity. Much of this work relies on supplemental funding from the Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture (TEOF) to maintain high-level criminal investigations around the globe.

Investigative partnerships are critical to our collective success. The Secret Service National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) provides specialized training and equipment to local and state law enforcement agencies who collaborate with our CFTFs. Law enforcement graduates of basic and advanced digital forensic examiner courses utilize Secret Service issued computer hardware and software to conduct forensic examinations in a wide range of criminal investigations, including crimes against children, narcotics, homicide, violent offenses, cyber fraud, and sex crimes. A record 5,699 partners were trained in FY 2025. Our goal is to expand that reach by training 8,000 law enforcement partners per year. The FY 2027 Budget includes \$22 million to continue strengthening partnerships and combat cyber threats facing our nation.

Secret Service partnerships with law enforcement agencies extend beyond our traditional protective and investigative mission. The agency provides forensic and technical support to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The FY 2027 Budget continues a \$6 million grant to support these investigations. As part of this partnership, the Secret Service also provides support through the Operation Safe Kids program. In FY 2025, the Secret Service conducted 725 child safety prevention events, reaching 55,000 participants through its partnership with NCMEC. These prevention events aim to safeguard children against threats posed by the rapid expansion of digital technology and the corresponding dangers of child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA). In FY 2027, NCMEC plans to train over 100 Secret Service Ambassadors to serve as a surge force supporting the NCMEC mission nationwide.

Chairman Amodei, Ranking Member Cuellar, and distinguished members of the Subcommittee, thank you for your time today. I am honored to represent the dedicated professionals of the Secret Service who work tirelessly on behalf of the American people to maintain the world's preeminent law enforcement organization. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the FY 2027 President's Budget for the Secret Service. I hope my testimony here today is helpful, and I welcome your partnership and counsel as we strive for operational excellence in our zero-fail mission.