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Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Raskin, and members of the Oversight Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to join you today for this incredibly important hearing on the tragedy that took place on Saturday, July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania. For those of you who may not know, Butler, Pennsylvania is my hometown. Just 35 miles north of Pittsburgh, sits our small town of 13,000 people. Our community was built from the mills, the tracks and the farms; hardworking American men and women who worked day and night to provide a better life for their children. I raised my four children and ran my family business here. I live with my wife in downtown Butler, just 5 miles from the Butler Farm Show. Over my 60 years in this town, I have seen the best of times and worst of times. I can truly say July 13th was one of the worst days our community has seen. The attempted assassination of President Trump on July 13th has caused dismay and despair for so many, including thousands from Western Pennsylvania who were in attendance. On behalf of my community, district, and country, I will not rest until we learn how such an unthinkable tragedy occurred.

First, I want to take a moment of silence for Corey Comperatore, who lost his life on Saturday, July 13, 2024. Corey Comperatore exemplified what it means to be a man of service and sacrifice to his community, his country, and most of all, his family. Those who know Corey tell me he was a proud husband and girl dad. May we continue to pray for Corey's family and friends at this time.

Questions for United States Secret Service Director Kimberly A. Cheatle:

The Secret Service has been detailed to President Trump since 2016. During his time as President and then as former President, Secret Service traveled with him throughout this country – and the world. Much of this travel, requires coordination with local and state law enforcement. There have been reports over the last few days that your agency did not provide local law enforcement with proper guidance as to security surrounding the rally site.

- Please, in detail, illustrate how your agency coordinated with local law enforcement leading up to and on the day of July 13, 2024. Have any past occasions encountered failures close to the level we saw on Saturday, July 13, 2024 in Butler, Pennsylvania?
- Do you take responsibility for the shortcomings and security failure that we witnessed on Saturday, July 13th in Butler, Pennsylvania?
- What are the guidelines and protocol for the Secret Service coordination with local and state law enforcement to ensure safety of the former President?
 - Were these guidelines and protocol in place for the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania on Saturday, July 13th?

There have been multiple rallies in Butler, Pennsylvania held for President Trump in previous years, none of which has ever resulted in a security failure close to the level we saw on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

- Were your agents aware of any threats before President Trump took the stage in Butler, Pennsylvania? If so, when your team knew there was a suspect on the premise, why did your team allow President Trump to take the stage?
- When was your team made aware of this threat? At what time?
 - What actions were taken once agents were made aware of this threat?
 - In terms of US Secret Service protocol, how do you explain your agents' delay in reaction to neutralizing the threat?
 - Why did your agents not respond sooner to the threat present?

- If the agents responded sooner, do you believe the attempted assassination would not have been carried out?

At the end of the day, a man lost his life because of the failures by you and your agency. As these investigations continue, I will remain steadfast in ensuring that Corey Comperatore's family receives the justice they so deserve.

I thank Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Raskin for allowing me to submit for the record for today's hearing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Mike Kelly