

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

January 11, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chair, Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chair, House Commerce, Justice, Science, and
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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chair, Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member, House Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations
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Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Shaheen, Ranking Member Moran, Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Rogers, and Ranking Member Cartwright:

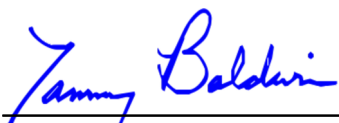
We write to respectfully request your support and assistance to secure additional funding for security costs associated with the 2024 Presidential Candidate Nominating Conventions. The Cities of Milwaukee and Chicago have begun preparations to host the Republican National Convention (RNC) and Democratic National Convention (DNC) in 2024. Milwaukee and Chicago are vibrant economic hubs in the midwestern region and are well positioned to host these events, which are central to our country's democratic process for electing its president. The Department of Homeland Security has designated both the RNC and DNC as National Special Security Events, recognizing that these important gatherings have unique security costs and considerations. As such, comprehensive security is necessary to ensure the safety of all those attending these events.

Costs have risen sharply across all sectors in recent years, and security costs are no different. As a result, it has become more difficult for host cities to absorb security costs in existing budgets and wait for federal reimbursement. Congress has appropriated \$50 million per host city since 2004, with no adjustments accounting for inflation or increased security needs. It is vital that Congress address these increased costs now to ensure the safety of these important events.

As such, we respectfully request that an additional \$50 million be appropriated for law enforcement activities associated with the presidential nominating conventions, to be divided equally between Milwaukee and Chicago. Each city anticipates spending at least \$75 million in security costs due to inflation, supply chain issues, increased public safety personnel and equipment needs, and higher insurance costs due to potential security threats, making this increased appropriation essential to ensure the safety of RNC and DNC attendees. Appropriated funds will be used only for security purposes and ensuring law enforcement has the tools needed to keep attendees safe. Full and timely appropriation of the federal share of convention security costs is imperative for successful planning and execution of security measures for next year's party nominating conventions.

As you work to secure passage of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024, we urge you to include a total appropriation of \$150 million for Presidential Nominating Convention security costs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



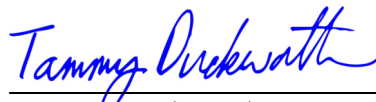
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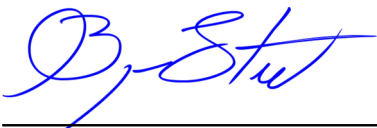
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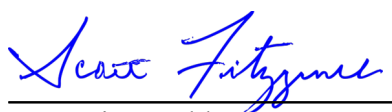
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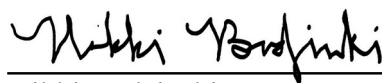
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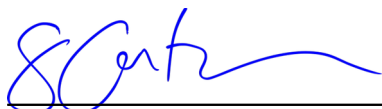
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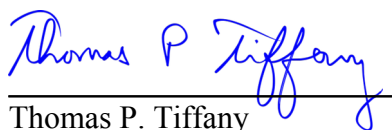
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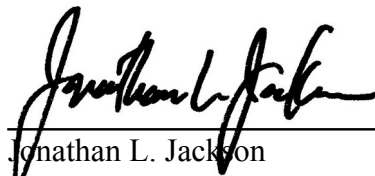
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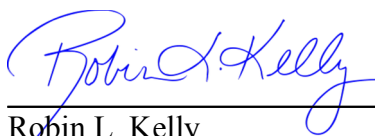
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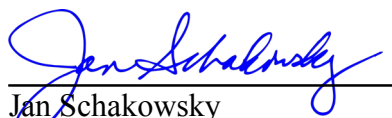
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