

United States Senate

July 14, 2024

Chairman Gary Peters
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Ranking Member Rand Paul
295 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Chairman Peters & Ranking Member Paul:

I write today to request that the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs hold a hearing to investigate the attack at former President Trump's political rally. I am appalled by this senseless act and am keeping those that were impacted in my prayers. As our nation grieves and looks to unite in the face of this violence, your committee can play an important role in getting answers to how this tragedy happened.

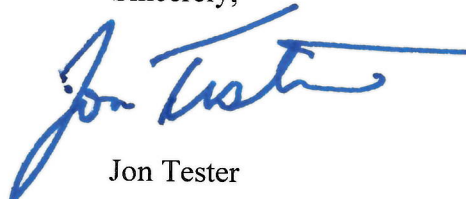
I know I join you both in condemning political violence in all forms. In America, you should be able to peacefully attend a political rally or support any candidate you want without fearing for your safety. What happened yesterday has no doubt shaken that belief, but our great nation has always responded to ugly events like this by coming together. Today and the weeks ahead should be no different.

I appreciate the brave men and women in law enforcement, including the U.S. Secret Service, that put their own lives at risk to protect former President Trump and attendees. They do important work every day, almost exclusively out of the eye of the public. I trust that your committee will work with them to provide oversight, accountability and piece together information so we can better understand how this event took place and what steps need to be taken to ensure something similar does not happen again.

We unfortunately know that some individuals and groups will use yesterday's tragedy to sow division in our country. They are already spreading misinformation online in hopes of weakening America's resolve. Your committee can help push back on those efforts by investigating and publicizing the facts surrounding yesterday.

Thank you both for your leadership during this difficult time. I stand ready to assist you as you review my request.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester