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EXCLUSIVE--GOP REP. CLOUD: HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY IS INTERFERING IN HOUSE'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION



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The agency run by impeached migration czar Alejandro Mayorkas is interfering with the House's investigation into the attempted murder of President Donald Trump, Rep. Michael Cloud (R-Texas), told Breitbart News.

The shooting was "an epic failure," Cloud [told Breitbart News](#) during an interview at the GOP's national convention, adding, "It is very concerning that right off the bat, we see DHS [Mayorkas' Department of Homeland Security] obfuscating as opposed to being transparent. This should be something that, regardless of party, we don't allow this kind of thing in our country."

The Secret Service agency is part of Mayorkas's DHS. It is run by sociology graduate [Kimberly Cheatle](#).

Cloud is a member of the House's oversight committee, which is chaired by Rep. James Comer

(R-KY).

"We were scheduled for a first briefing today, just on the facts of the case, what's going on, what they know now, and DHS has stepped in between the communications now of the Secret Service and the Oversight Committee, and are now trying to control the communication between the two committees," Cloud told Breitbart News during an interview at the GOP's national convention.

Video Source: [Matt Perdie](#) / Breitbart News

Mayorkas is now rushing to pick people within “days” for a [supposedly independent review](#) of the agency’s failure.

Since 2021, Mayorkas has used his independent power within President Joe Biden’s administration to promote the [interests of migrants](#) and to aid the migration of [roughly 10 million migrants](#) into Americans’ communities, homes, and workplaces throughout the United States. That [elite-backed agenda](#) led to his impeachment by the House in February 2024 and has [crashed Biden’s polls](#) in the 2024 election.

Cloud continued: “So Chairman Comer is issuing subpoenas to make sure that the Secret Service director does appear [at a hearing]. Right now, we have a committee scheduled for the day we go back next week, on Monday, to make sure that she does appear and that we are being able to begin this investigation.”

“Already they’re obfuscating it, it would seem,” Cloud said, adding, “We should be able to get that preliminary information out, realizing that, okay, this is going to take more than one briefing ... But you know, this is coming from the same administration who was labeling Catholics as terrorists, people who go to school board meetings as terrorists, yet they fail to protect a former president of the United States and a political opponent. We’ve seen this administration target political opponents before, and then now fail epically in protecting a former president — and we will say, future — President of the United States. And so this is extremely concerning.”

Congressman Cloud continued.

“I’ll say this right off the bat: [With] any failure like this of the Secret Service ... the honorable thing [for the director] to do is to resign at this point. She’ll talk about, ‘Well, we need to make sure this never happens again.’ That’s not the job description. The job description is to make sure that this never happens, period. We got to take the ‘again’ out of

that. You should not get two assassination attempts under your belt as director of the Secret Service.”

“So we’re going to have to continue to look into this as the information becomes available,” Cloud added.

On Tuesday, Mayorkas again reaffirmed his support for Cheatle, even after her Monday admission that Secret Service agents were deliberately not posted on the roof from which the sniper almost killed Trump.

“That building in particular has a sloped roof at its highest point,” Cheatle told ABC News [on Monday](#). “And so, you know, there’s a safety factor that would be considered there that we wouldn’t want to put somebody up on a sloped roof ... [so] the decision was made to secure the building from inside,” she said in [a segment released on Tuesday](#).

Early on Tuesday morning, NPR [asked](#) Mayorkas, “Do you anticipate people losing jobs over last weekend?”

“I have 100% confidence in the director of the United States Secret Service, a dedicated, career-long law enforcement officer,” Mayorkas told NPR.

Cheatle is a sociology graduate who worked for more than 24 years in the U.S. Secret Service. She was hired for the job in August 2024 by President Joe Biden, who [stated](#):

Jill and I know firsthand Kim’s commitment to her job ... When Kim served on my security detail when I was Vice President, we came to trust her judgement and counsel. She is a distinguished law enforcement professional with exceptional leadership skills, and was easily the best choice to lead the agency at a critical moment for the Secret Service. She has my complete trust, and I look forward to working with her.



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TOP BIDEN OFFICIALS CALLED TO TESTIFY ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF DONALD TRUMP



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Top officials within President Joe Biden’s administration are being asked to testify before the House Homeland Security Committee on the assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump.

On Tuesday, Chairman Mark Green (R-TN) sent requests to FBI Director Christopher Wray, United States Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, asking them to testify at an oversight hearing on July 23.

“The American people want answers on what happened Saturday in Pennsylvania. Secretary Mayorkas and Director Cheatle are responsible for the department and the agency charged with securing our homeland and protecting our nation’s chief executives and candidates,” Green said in a statement, “while Director Wray leads the agency with the vital responsibility of investigating this attempted assassination.

The statement further said:

It is imperative that we partner to understand what went wrong, and how Congress can work with the departments and agencies to ensure this never happens again. Successful oversight requires Congress to work together with these officials as they testify publicly before the House Committee on Homeland Security. The American people, and the individuals and families who receive protective services, deserve nothing less. [Emphasis added]

Video Source: C-SPAN

The hearing will focus on the July 13 assassination attempt against Trump while he spoke at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, that saw a bullet hit the former president's ear. Meanwhile, 50-year-old retired fire chief Corey Comperatore was killed while shielding his family from the gunfire.

David Dutch, 57 years old, and James Copenhaver, 74 years old, were also injured in the assassination attempt and are now in stable condition.

Thomas Matthew Crooks, a 20-year-old from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, is [accused](#) of carrying out the assassination attempt. He was shot and killed by the Secret Service shortly after he allegedly fired the shots at Trump and rallygoers.

The FBI, Secret Service, and DHS have come under fire as more has been revealed about how Crooks was able to seemingly get atop a roof with a rifle close by to where Trump was speaking — even as onlookers reported him to local authorities.

Also this week, Green [sent](#) a letter to Mayorkas requesting he produce all documents related to the security plan to secure the perimeter of the Trump rally where the assassination attempt occurred, as well as the briefing materials used to inform Biden about the assassination attempt.

“The seriousness of this security failure an chilling moment in our nation’s history cannot be understated,” Green wrote to Mayorkas. “No assassination attempt has come so close to taking the life of a president or presidential candidate since President Reagan was shot in 1981. Had the bullet’s trajectory been slightly different, the assassination attempt on President Trump might have succeeded.”

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