

## United States Senate

October 7, 2020

James M. Murray  
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Dear Director Murray,

I write with concern for the safety of individuals in contact with President Trump and his staff at a fundraiser held by the President in Bedminster, New Jersey on October 1, 2020. As the law enforcement entity charged with providing full-time presidential protection, I request that you immediately provide the full list and contact information of all individuals who had access to the President's October 1<sup>st</sup> event to the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). While I understand that the NJDOH has received a list of registered attendees, that list was not an exhaustive accounting of all individuals who accessed the event, nor did it include complete contact information.

As you are aware, the outbreak of COVID-19 at the White House and the subsequent travel of the President and White House staff to New Jersey placed those who attended and worked at the political fundraising event at risk of contracting COVID-19. In order to prevent further transmission of COVID-19 in New Jersey and beyond, a full accounting and contact information of all individuals who attended, staffed, or were otherwise in close proximity to participants at the event is essential for timely contact tracing and testing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), contact tracing should be conducted for close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients, including any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

New Jersey was among the hardest hit areas of the country by the COVID-19 pandemic. The progress New Jersey has made in bringing infection rates down to the lowest in the country is a testament to the leadership of Governor Phil Murphy and the collective restraint and solidarity of New Jersey's nearly nine million residents. To this day, New Jersey maintains critical public health safety regulations on business operations, crowd capacity limits, and mask wearing mandates – many of which, as I understand it, may not have been fully adhered to at the President's October 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser. In hosting this event, the President and his staff have risked the lives of an unknown number of my constituents in New Jersey, so many of whom have already made great sacrifices to grapple with the most complex public health and economic challenge in our lifetimes.

Again, I request that you immediately provide the NJDOH with the necessary contact information for all individuals who attended or otherwise had access to the President's October 1<sup>st</sup> Bedminster fundraiser so that CDC guidelines, including timely contact tracing, can be followed immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator