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To require the United States Secret Service to provide protection to major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and their spouses at the same level of protection provided to the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect our Presidents
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY INCREASE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE**
2 **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.**

3 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered indi-
6 vidual’ means—

7 “(A) a President-elect;

8 “(B) a Vice President-elect;

9 “(C) a major Presidential or Vice Presidential
10 candidate (as defined in subsection (a)(7)) who has
11 accepted a nomination for President or Vice Presi-
12 dent at a national nominating convention of a polit-
13 ical party; and

14 “(D) the spouse of an individual described in
15 subparagraphs (A) through (C).

16 “(2)(A) The United States Secret Service shall pro-
17 vide to covered individuals—

18 “(i) the same level of protection provided to the
19 President under subsection (a)(1); and

20 “(ii) any necessary protective measure.

21 “(B) A covered individual may decline the increased
22 protection provided under subparagraph (A).

23 “(3) In a Presidential election year, not later than
24 15 days after the date on which a major Presidential or
25 Vice Presidential candidate (as defined in subsection
26 (a)(7)) accepts a nomination for President or Vice Presi-

1 dent at a national nominating convention of a political
2 party, and every 15 days thereafter until the date of the
3 Presidential election, the United States Secret Service
4 shall provide to the majority and minority leaders of the
5 Senate, the Speaker and minority leader of the House of
6 Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security
7 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Com-
8 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
9 tives a report and briefing on—

10 “(A) the threat level posed to each major Presi-
11 dential and Vice Presidential candidate (as defined
12 in subsection (a)(7)) who has accepted a nomination
13 for President or Vice President at a national nomi-
14 nating convention of a political party; and

15 “(B) all security measures being implemented
16 for each candidate described in subparagraph (A),
17 including the cost of those measures, the number of
18 personnel permanently assigned to the protective de-
19 tail of the candidate, and a list of any unmet secu-
20 rity needs of the candidate.”.

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