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Dear Mr. Clancy,

While I fully understand that the Secret Service operates under general guidelines relative to the matter of who is eligible to receive the benefit of its protection, I also am aware that some degree of flexibility exists and is amply supported by precedent. Exceptions to the normal protocol would certainly need to be justified by extraordinary and unique circumstances. It is my firm belief and conviction that the defining characteristics of my campaign for and pursuit of the federal office of United States Representative from the Third District in Tennessee are the absolute epitome of unique and extraordinary.

In June of 2016 I received international attention and publicity when I put up a billboard sign stating “Make America White Again.” In the immediate time frame following the initial wave of publicity, the ability of my candidacy to move forward was very much threatened by hateful and violent rhetoric that was clearly unparalleled...even within the realm of the Trump presidential campaign. Without question, ongoing public campaign activity on my part will engender reactionary response that will constitute a certain endangerment to my physical safety, wellbeing, and very life itself.

I am quite certain that no previous non-presidential federal candidacy has exhibited anything approaching the very real characteristic that I am referencing. Futhermore, I am not aware of any specificity in federal law that would bar or legally preclude your agency from providing the protection being herein requested. While acknowledging that my message pushes the boundaries of contemporary standards of political correctness, it seems logical that my ability to exercise basic and fundamental rights as an American citizen should be protected from those who would so readily and menacingly attempt to negate and nullify my being able to meaningfully pursue election to this important federal office.

In summation, your agency is legendary in its reputation and ability. At the same time, my message and candidacy are singularly unique and represent the cutting edge of what distinguishes our nation (relative to the sacred First Amendment right of free speech) in comparison to all others. Of added significance is my ambition and intent toward pursuit of national office in the upcoming 2020 election cycle.

In light of the factors herein stated I respectfully request that the United States Secret Service provide me with protection as I campaign during the month leading up to the November 8th election.

My sincere thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Tyler