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Statement from Chairman Towns on the White House Security Breach

"I am deeply disturbed by the apparent failure of the Secret Service to follow basic security protocols at the White House during the state dinner. This incident compromised the safety and security of the President and undermined our confidence in the protection we expect of the Secret Service. We need an immediate investigation into the facts of this case, and a review of the Secret Service's security practices. I have asked for a preliminary briefing next week and will follow the investigation until we understand what actually happened."

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