



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5938
Former Vice President Protection Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 14, 2008

H.R. 5938 would provide permanent authority for the Secret Service to protect former Vice Presidents, their spouses, and their children under the age of 16 for a period of not more than six months after the Vice President leaves office. The Secret Service has protected former Vice Presidents and their families, but authority to do so was provided by temporary legislation or by executive order. The bill's provisions would apply to Vice Presidents holding office on or after the date of enactment.

Based on information provided by the Secret Service, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5938 would cost about \$4 million in fiscal year 2009, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. If the next Vice President leaves office after one term, then we estimate that the Secret Service would spend about \$4 million in fiscal year 2013 to protect the outgoing Vice President and his or her family. Otherwise, costs for the next Vice President would be incurred in 2017.

H.R. 5938 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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