

Oversight Democrats Are Exposing DOGE's Dark Dealings

President Trump handed the keys to the people's government to his biggest campaign donor. Now, Elon Musk is using DOGE to infiltrate government agencies, execute mass illegal firings, abolish lifesaving programs, creep on Americans' most sensitive data, and even undermine Social Security to set the stage for Republican cuts. **The Trump Administration and Republicans have tried to shield DOGE from transparency and accountability as it carries out President Trump and Musk's bidding from the shadows — but this cannot continue.**

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House Democrats are leading the fight to bring DOGE out of the darkness and make sure the American people can hold President Trump and Elon Musk accountable for the pain, chaos, and corruption they are leaving in the wake of Elon's chainsaw.

Oversight Democrats have initiated **more than 150 investigations and letters of inquiry**, filed a **three-part FOIA request**, and introduced **two formal House Resolutions of Inquiry**. These include **more than 1,000 requests for information and documentation** directed at the Trump Administration, Elon Musk, and DOGE on issues related to national security, the illegal termination of federal employees, the unlawful and wholesale dismantlement of federal agencies, and rampant conflicts of interest and corruption.

Democrats have built a strong coalition of stakeholders both in and out of government to **investigate, litigate, and terminate** the dangerous and unlawful abuses of DOGE and the Trump-Musk Administration. We are forcing Co-Presidents Trump and Musk into retreat on several fronts:

POLITICO
Judge orders DOGE and Elon Musk to turn over documents, answer written questions

AXIOS
Federal judge orders agencies to rehire workers, calls process a "sham"

npr
Nearly 6,000 USDA workers fired by Trump ordered back to work for now

BBC
US top court rejects Trump bid to withhold \$2bn in foreign aid

NBC NEWS
Judge maintains pause on mass CFPB firings to weigh whether Trump's moves mean 'impending doom' for the agency

FEDSCOOP
DOGE must comply with expedited request to release records, judge rules

abc NEWS
Judge blocks Trump administration from freezing federal funding without congressional approval

The New York Times
Musk's Role in Dismantling Aid Agency Likely Violated Constitution, Judge Finds

MeriTalk
OPM IG Looking at DOGE-Related IT Risks, Rep. Connolly Says

CBS NEWS
Federal agencies can ignore "What did you do last week?" email, Trump administration says

AP
Treasury watchdog begins audit of Musk DOGE team's access to the US government's payment system

This memo provides a breakdown of Oversight Democrats' work to expose DOGE and stop its corrupt, dangerous, and illegal wrongdoing. **Our work continues.**

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- **March 20, 2025: Ranking Member Connolly Launches Investigation Into Commerce Secretary's Unlawful Promotion of Plummeting Tesla Stock on Live Television**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to U.S. Department of Commerce Acting General Counsel John K. Guenther regarding Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's appearance on Fox News in which he unlawfully and shamefully peddled Tesla stock to viewers, encouraging them to enrich Elon Musk by buying his struggling stock. In his letter, Ranking Member Connolly highlighted that the Trump Administration has a long history of flouting ethical practices and using their offices and/or taxpayer resources to enrich the President's inner circle, pointing to a 2017 incident in which Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway told Americans to "go buy Ivanka's stuff." Following a letter from Oversight *Republicans*, the Office of Government Ethics determined that "there is strong reason to believe that Ms. Conway has violated the Standards of Conduct [prohibiting employees from misusing their official positions] and that disciplinary action is warranted."
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "Secretary Lutnick's actions bear striking similarities to Ms. Conway's. The present circumstances differ in that Tesla is owned by an individual who has been given license by the President to slash and burn his way through the federal government, indiscriminately and lawlessly terminating federal workers and eliminating the services they provide to the American people, while lining his own pockets with billions of taxpayer dollars. These ongoing violations of law require a response befitting of the level abuse to deter further lawlessness and to ensure the American people that members of this Administration seek to serve all people rather than to enrich a select few."*
- **March 20, 2025: Oversight Democrats Expose Trump Administration for Undermining FOIA and Preventing Transparency**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent letters to 24 federal agencies exposing the Trump Administration for eliminating staff responsible for facilitating Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and jeopardizing the American people's right to access federal agency information.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "FOIA requests on DOGE range from information requests regarding the basic structure, budget, and leadership of the organization to whether DOGE employees with access to sensitive or classified government networks have the requisite security clearances and whether these clearances were granted following national security protocol. This Administration's efforts to dismantle agencies, impound congressionally appropriated funds, and unlawfully terminate civil servants have been rapid and capricious. Now more than ever, maintaining transparency about the operations of government agencies and officials is crucial to enforcing accountability for ongoing abuses of power."*

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- **March 19, 2025: During Sunshine Week, Ranking Member Connolly Demands Transparency on DOGE Officials Double-Dipping and Conflicts of Interest with Outside Employment**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to Amy Gleason, the supposed "Acting Administrator" of DOGE, calling for much-needed transparency into the DOGE workforce, their potential conflicts of interest, and possible ethics violations.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "DOGE is making sweeping changes all while operating in secret, with no accountability, and in ways that the courts have repeatedly found to be unlawful. DOGE is not only concealing its work, but also hiding from the American people who is performing this work and, critically, what conflicts of interest they may have. Recent reporting indicates that members of the DOGE team have continued to work in lucrative private sector positions, including with companies that contract with the federal government, while serving in their government roles. This presents unprecedented conflicts of interest that jeopardize the ethical use of taxpayer funds and further erode Americans' faith in their government."*
- **March 18, 2025: In FOIA Request Filing, Ranking Members Connolly and Raskin Demand DOGE Stop Lying and Come Clean**
 - Ranking Member Connolly and Ranking Member Raskin filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request demanding DOGE stop lying to the American people and start providing clear answers about its operations.
 - *Ranking Members Connolly & Raskin: "By filing these FOIA requests, which every American has the right to make in order to demand transparency from our government, we demand to know about DOGE's leadership structure, legal authority, and potential conflicts of interest; its involvement with the government-wide firing of personnel; and its treatment of sensitive data and AI. The President, Mr. Musk, and DOGE can and will be held accountable to the American people, the original and ultimate source of all sovereign power in the United States of America."*
- **March 12, 2025: Ranking Member Connolly Sounds the Alarm on Ethics Violations After President Trump and White House Employees Hawk Elon Musk's Cars**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to Mr. David Warrington, Counsel to the President, requesting a full accounting of any executive branch employees, special or otherwise, that assisted President Trump in turning the South Lawn of the White House into "a temporary Tesla showroom in a conspicuous favor to his adviser Elon Musk, the billionaire CEO of the car company."
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "Americans are struggling to afford groceries, childcare, and housing... And they have been told by the President to prepare for a recession. President Trump's solution to the mounting economic crises is a car ad that he hoped would boost the stock price of Tesla, a company headed by his one of his biggest campaign donors who is also a federal employee, Elon Musk."*

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- **March 4, 2025: "Rampant and Endless"—Ranking Member Connolly Introduces Resolution of Inquiry Into Elon Musk's Conflicts of Interest**
 - Ranking Member Connolly led Committee Democrats in introducing a Resolution of Inquiry to investigate Elon Musk's extensive conflicts of interest and entrenched corruption within the Trump Administration.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "Elon Musk is running cabinet meetings, holding court in the Oval Office, and ripping through government agencies and sensitive databases—but the White House refuses to come clean about this unelected billionaire's rampant and endless conflicts of interest. Republicans are either too scared to conduct any real oversight of Musk's actions, or they support this oligarch's unlawful assault on the federal workforce and his attacks on Social Security as he divvies up cushy government contracts between his companies. This resolution of inquiry will finally get the American people the answers they deserve and bring DOGE out from the shadows."*
- **February 20, 2025: Ranking Member Connolly Launches Investigation into Elon Musk's Role After White House Official States Musk Is Not a Part of DOGE**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to President Trump requesting substantive documentation regarding Elon Musk's formal role within the Trump Administration following the President's direct contradiction of a sworn statement by a White House official that Mr. Musk is not a part of the U.S. DOGE Service.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "This contradiction raises significant concerns that either you are lying about Mr. Musk's role or Mr. Fisher perjured himself—a criminal offense that can lead to up to 5 years in prison."*
- **February 13, 2025: Subcommittee Democrats Call Out Elon Musk and DOGE's Efforts to Clear a Path for Corruption**
 - Rep. Stansbury, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, led Subcommittee Democrats in condemning DOGE's campaign to dismantle the federal government, undermine checks and balances, and put the interest of billionaires before the American people.
 - *Rep. Greg Casar brought attention to the Trump Administration's efforts to protect Elon Musk, highlighting that "at least 5 inspectors general that were looking into Elon Musk's companies were fired by the Trump-Musk Administration. These inspectors general who were independent, protected by law, they are the people that find the waste, fraud, and abuse, and found many of the cases of waste, fraud, and abuse that have been brought up today, were fired because they were looking into Elon Musk."*

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- **March 14, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly and Subramanyam Continue Investigation Into Impacts of DOGE's Dismantling of USAID on Global Health and National Security**
 - Ranking Members Connolly and Subramanyam sent letters to seven U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractors and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) requesting information on how DOGE's dismantling of USAID and freeze on federal foreign assistance will jeopardize global health and national security—if it has not already.
 - *Ranking Members Connolly & Subramanyam: "To better understand the threats exacerbated by this effort, we are seeking additional information on how the dismantling of USAID will jeopardize global health and destabilize developing nations, as well as place our national security at risk...China's attempts to replace USAID with its own assistance programs pose a tremendous global security risk as it seeks to expand its diplomatic and economic influence and undermine U.S. interests around the world."*
- **March 12, 2025: Ranking Member Connolly Demands Answers After Reports DOGE is Feeding Americans' Private Data Into Unapproved AI Systems, Using AI to Slash Programs**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent letters to 24 federal agencies requesting documentation that any potential use of artificial intelligence (AI) at their agencies complies with federal laws, protects Americans' sensitive and private data, and does not financially benefit Elon Musk.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "I write with serious concerns about the use of unapproved, third-party artificial intelligence (AI) software employed by members of the U.S. DOGE Service (DOGE) at federal agencies. The American people entrust the federal government with sensitive personal information related to their health, finances, and other biographical information on the basis that this information will not be disclosed or improperly used without their consent."*
- **March 11: Committee Democrats Urge CFPB, FTC, and DOJ to Investigate Rising Prices after Trump Administration Abandons Consumer Protections**
 - Ranking Members Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, and Frost and Rep. Bell sent letters to Russell Vought, Acting Director of the CFPB, Andrew Ferguson, Chairman of FTC, and Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General of the DOJ, urging the agencies to uphold their duty to protect American consumers from entities that may prey on them financially, including companies that price gouge and engage in anticompetitive behavior to raise prices on essential goods and services.
 - The Administration's efforts to gut and defang consumer protection enforcement government-wide clears the path for corporate corruption and skyrocketing costs at the expense of hardworking Americans and their families.

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- **March 10, 2025: OPM Inspector General Assessing Risks to Agency IT Systems after Oversight Democrats Raise Serious Cybersecurity and Privacy Concerns about DOGE**
 - The OPM Deputy Inspector General Vint informed the Committee that the OPM Office of the Inspector General will incorporate into existing work topics of investigation outlined in a February 6th letter from Committee Democrats. That letter raised concerns about DOGE exposing agency systems to potential cybersecurity threats and privacy violations.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "Inspectors General must have the independence to carry out their mission free from partisan pressure and threat. That is the only way these government watchdogs can conduct their important work on behalf of the American people. The work of the Deputy Inspector General and the OPM Office of Inspector General must be allowed to proceed unimpeded."*
- **February 26, 2025: Subcommittee Democrats Call Out the Trump-Musk Administration for Undermining Global Democracy, Freedom, and National Security by Aligning with Russia and Dismantling USAID**
 - Rep. Melanie Stansbury, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, led Subcommittee Democrats in condemning President Trump and Elon Musk for illegally dismantling USAID and undermining global democracy, freedom, and U.S. national security by aligning with—and ceding power to—Russia and China. Ahead of the hearing, Ranking Member Stansbury joined Ranking Members Connolly and Subramanyam in sending letters to current and former Assistant and Deputy Administrators at USAID, requesting information on the repercussions of dismantling the agency and how President Trump and Musk's shortsighted actions will jeopardize global health and destabilize nations.
 - *Ranking Member Stansbury: "Over the last five years, USAID has funded international aid to 212 countries around the world to promote international peace and security to help maintain stability and ensure that we are making good on America's promises. These investments are a fraction of the cost of weapons and defense, and the U.S. in the process is able to help promote national security, stop global pandemics, prevent hunger and mass migrations, and make the world and the United States a safer place."*
- **February 26, 2025: At Hearing, Nonpartisan U.S. Comptroller General Confirms Musk's DOGE is Increasing National Risk and Undermining Services to Americans**
 - At a hearing on how Congress can improve government and address the risks outlined in the GAO 2025 High Risk List, Ranking Member Connolly led Democrats in calling out the Trump-Musk Administration for exacerbating GAO's identified risks with anti-constitutional power grabs, and Republicans for their devastating cuts that will undermine vital programs and services to subsidize massive tax breaks for the rich.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "When we talk about efficiency and trying to achieve results for the American people, you don't do it by taking a wrecking ball to the entire structure and hope you get the bad with the good. You, in fact, take out a scalpel, and you, and you cut out the excess, you cut out the waste and you do it in a thoughtful and reflective manner."*

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- **February 25, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly, Brown, Stansbury Call on President Trump to Cease All DOGE Activities that Endanger America's Cybersecurity**
 - Ranking Members Connolly, Brown, and Stansbury sent a letter to President Trump urging his administration to cease all DOGE activities that create serious cybersecurity vulnerabilities, expose government networks to cyberattacks, and risk disclosure of sensitive information.
 - *The Ranking Members wrote: "This reckless disregard of critical cybersecurity practices creates opportunities for hostile actors to access sensitive information. We urge your Administration to cease all DOGE activities that create serious cybersecurity vulnerabilities, expose government networks to cyberattacks, and risk disclosures of sensitive and personal information."*
- **February 7, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly and Subramanyam Launch Probe into DOGE Efforts to Purge USAID and Freeze Foreign Aid**
 - Ranking Members Connolly and Subramanyam urged the Administration to revoke the January 20, 2025, Executive Order titled "Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid," and restore the functions, leadership, and employees of USAID.
 - *Ranking Members Connolly & Subramanyam: "The potential repercussions to global humanitarian and development assistance caused by the sudden stoppage of U.S. foreign aid are dire. Foreign assistance makes investments abroad that keep Americans safe at home. Global health operations prevent outbreaks of disease. Development programs address the roots causes of terrorism. In the wake of the Trump Administration's unilateral global retreat on foreign aid, our adversaries like China and Russia will step in to fill the vacuum."*
- **February 6, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly, Brown, and Rep. Ansari, Lead Oversight Democrats to Urge Government Watchdogs to Investigate Potential Threats to National Security**
 - The Members sent a letter to Deputy Inspectors General Sciurba, Vint, Erickson, Shoemaker, and Rocque and Inspector General Martin, expressing urgent concerns regarding recent reports that unauthorized individuals associated with Elon Musk or the "DOGE" effort have gained access to protected government networks and sensitive data at Treasury, GSA, OPM, and USAID. This letter advances Oversight Democrats' work to protect Americans' safety, security, and personal data by ensuring the Trump Administration and "DOGE" are adhering to critical cybersecurity and privacy laws.
 - *The Members wrote: "Offices of Inspectors General are more important than ever. Congress and the American people rely on you to remain dogged and steadfast in your pursuit of truth without regard to political affiliation. As such, we urge you to fulfill your duties as non-partisan watchdogs, appropriately issue management alerts as relevant, and assess the potential security breaches across the federal government due to Mr. Musk and his teams' actions."*

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- **February 4, 2025: Ranking Members Demand Information on DOGE Access to Sensitive and Classified Information**
 - Ranking Members Connolly, Himes, Meeks, Smith, Raskin, Neal, and Waters wrote a letter to President Donald Trump requesting information on reported attempts by the "Department of Government Efficiency," or "DOGE" task force to access classified and sensitive information without proper clearance, and expressing concerns that their behavior could pose enormous risks to our national security.
 - *The Ranking Members wrote, "The events at USAID are particularly troubling, but they are not an isolated issue. The Executive Order empowering DOGE appears to envision and authorize DOGE 'teams' at all Executive Branch agencies, to include Department of Defense, State Department, Department of Justice, and the Intelligence Community. These agencies all hold large volumes of classified information, and bypassing established safeguards to protect such information could irreparably damage national security."*
- **February 4, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly and Brown Request Answers From OPM on Musk's Private Server**
 - Ranking Members Connolly and Brown sent a letter to Acting Director Charles Ezell of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) expressing their concern regarding numerous reports that Elon Musk and his associates ignored cybersecurity and privacy protections and introduced vulnerabilities into information technology systems in their attempt to send their potentially illegal "Fork in the Road" email to federal workers.
 - *Ranking Members Connolly & Brown: "At best, the Trump Administration's actions at OPM to date demonstrate gross negligence, severe incompetence, and a chaotic disregard for the security of our government data and the countless services it enables our agencies to provide to the public. At worst, we fear that Trump Administration officials know full well that their actions threaten to break our government and put our citizens at risk of foreign adversaries like China and Russia gaining access to our sensitive data."*

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- **March 20, 2025: Ranking Members Connolly and Scott Call for an Immediate Halt to the Illegal Dismantling of ED**
 - Ranking Members Connolly and Scott sent a letter to the Secretary of Education Linda McMahon urging the Department of Education to put the wellbeing of American families and students ahead of tax cuts for billionaires and halt the illegal shutdown of the Department, reinstate all unlawfully terminated employees, and protect education access before irreparable harm comes to our students, schools, and communities.
 - *Ranking Members Connolly and Scott: "Today, President Trump issued an executive order unlawfully instructing you to dismantle the Department of Education, a process that you are already implementing – through, among other means, the so-called reduction in force announced on March 11, 2025 and earlier announced personnel changes that would terminate half of the Department's more than 4,100 employees. These illegally dismissed employees include individuals tasked with administering funding for programs serving students with disabilities, protecting students from discrimination, and overseeing federal financial aid... We urge you to reverse these short-sighted decisions before they cause any more damage to America's students, families, and educators"*
- **March 18, 2025: Ranking Member Connolly Demands Postmaster General DeJoy Immediately Turn Over Information About His Backroom Deal with DOGE**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy demanding a copy of the agreement the Postmaster General signed with DOGE, allowing Elon Musk to infiltrate the independent U.S. Postal Service, gain access to its data and systems, and make drastic cuts to the service.
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "Congress and the American people have a right to know the full details of the agreement, the extent to which you have enabled DOGE to apply its chainsaw approach to America's most trusted institution, and how the actions of DOGE employees will undermine lifesaving services, expose sensitive taxpayer data, and contribute to other unlawful activity."*
- **March 17, 2025: Siccing DOGE on the Mailman: Committee Democrats Demand Hearing on Administration's Attacks on Postal Service, Details on Back-Room Deal Between DOGE and Outgoing Postmaster General**
 - Ranking Members Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, and Mfume led Committee Democrats in sending a letter to Chairman James Comer demanding an immediate public hearing on the Trump Administration and DOGE's plans for the United States Postal Service.
 - *Oversight Democrats: "Since the Committee's most recent hearing on the USPS, the Trump Administration has reportedly explored privatizing the USPS, firing the bipartisan Postal Board of Governors, merging the USPS into the Department of Commerce, and is now subjecting the USPS, America's most trusted federal institution, to the chainsaw approach of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). This broad assault on the independence of the USPS demands Congressional oversight, especially from the Committee with jurisdiction over the USPS."*

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- **March 11: Subcommittee Democrats Condemn DOGE's Attacks on Social Security, Medicaid, and Other Essential Services Americans Rely On**
 - Rep. Kweisi Mfume, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Government Operations, led Subcommittee Democrats in condemning the Trump Administration and DOGE's efforts to make unsubstantiated claims of fraud to justify deeply unpopular cuts to Social Security and the vital services people across America depend on every day.
 - Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost called out the Republican bait-and-switch in which they circulate unsubstantiated claims of fraud and use those fictions to justify cuts to the social safety net: *"We've heard this constant lie from Elon Musk that tens of millions of dead people are getting Social Security paychecks. Claiming fraud in Social Security, I think, is one way that folks are going to try to justify cutting it, pocketing the benefits for billionaires, privatizing it ... Musk is calling it a Ponzi scheme as an excuse to destroy it, in my opinion. Americans earn Social Security through years of hard work and it's a good investment ... It's one of the most popular government services, and most people support more funding for Social Security, not less."*
- **March 6: Ranking Member Connolly Launches Government-wide Investigation into Elon Musk's DOGE Infiltration of Federal Agencies**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent letters to the 24 CFO Act agencies requesting immediate clarification regarding the shadowy activities of DOGE teams within each agency and across the federal government.
 - Ranking Member Connolly: *"The actions of employees operating under the 'DOGE' moniker have thus far been shielded from transparency and accountability, but this cannot continue. The American public has a right to know how Musk's DOGE teams are operating and how the actions of DOGE employees undermine lifesaving services, expose sensitive taxpayer data, and contribute to other unlawful activity."*
- **March 4: Ranking Members Connolly and Mfume Introduce Resolution of Inquiry Into Trump-Musk Administration's Political Purge of the Federal Workforce**
 - Ranking Members Connolly and Mfume led Committee Democrats in introducing a Resolution of Inquiry to investigate the Trump-Musk Administration's unprecedented attacks on federal workers and their efforts to embed political loyalists willing to turn a blind eye to corruption and graft.
 - Ranking Member Mfume: *"Donald Trump and Elon Musk are destroying this country and unfortunately the Republican majority in Congress has been sitting by idly while they do it. Our Constitutional duty is to provide oversight of the executive branch and this Resolution of Inquiry is part of that work. Democrats in Congress are here to do the work, let's see if our Republican colleagues are ready to step up. It will be too late at some point and Americans in every part of the nation will feel the pain from the Trump-Musk bad decisions."*

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- **March 3: Committee Democrats Tell OPM: Reinstate Unlawfully Terminated Employees Now!**
 - Oversight Democrats sent a letter to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Charles Ezell requesting documents and information regarding the Trump-Musk Administration's efforts to purge non-partisan, civil servants in probationary status and reinstate all whom were unlawfully terminated.
 - Oversight Democrats wrote: *"Indiscriminately firing thousands of these employees threatens the future of the nonpartisan federal workforce and our government's ability to deliver life-saving services to the American people. We strongly urge the Administration to reinstate all unlawfully terminated probationary status employees and cease plans to carry out further reductions in force (RIFs)."*
- **February 24: More than 100 House Democrats Push Federal Agencies to Regain Order, Renounce Musk Chaos**
 - Ranking Member Connolly led more than 100 House Democrats in sending a letter to the heads of the 24 CFO Act federal agencies demanding they immediately clarify to their agencies that federal employees do not have to respond to Elon Musk's ill-conceived, reckless email and that nonresponse does not constitute resignation.
 - The Members wrote: *"The capricious dismissal threatened in Mr. Musk's post would be illegal and cannot be tolerated. We urge you to immediately inform federal workers at your agency that his missives do not constitute official orders and that federal employees should not interrupt their service to the public to respond to OPM's mass email. You must also make clear that Mr. Musk's threat of dismissal due to nonresponse to OPM's email is invalid."*
- **February 22: Ranking Member Connolly Demands OPM Withdraw Email Threat and Renounce Musk's Latest Attack on Public Servants**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to Charles Ezell, Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, demanding a clarification that nonresponse to the "What did you do last week?" email that was sent to all federal workers today does not constitute resignation and a clarification that Elon Musk does not, in fact, speak for OPM.
 - Ranking Member Connolly: *"This threat is illegal, reckless, and yet another example of the cruel and arbitrary chaos Mr. Musk is inflicting on the people's government and its dedicated public servants. You must immediately clarify that federal employees' nonresponse to this ill-conceived, weekend email does not constitute resignation."*

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- **February 6: At Hearing, Oversight Democrats Vote to Subpoena Elon Musk to Testify on Reckless Actions and Abuse of Public Trust**
 - Ranking Member Connolly led Committee Democrats in calling out the Trump Administration for its unprecedented and widespread attacks on the federal workforce and the government programs and services Americans depend on for their safety and wellbeing.
 - Rep. Lateefah Simon described what she saw in her district after President Trump froze federal funding last week: *"Housing is on the line, as is childcare, as is Medicaid, as is Medicare. After this meeting, I will go and visit the president of a children's hospital. He's in my office right now and I went to go literally sit with the folks in the NICU last week. Care is in jeopardy. There is a heart transplant that is in jeopardy. A small child. I would like for us to look in the faces of that parent."*
- **February 5: Ranking Member Connolly Motions to Subpoena Elon Musk to Testify Before Oversight Committee**
 - Given concerning recent reports of Elon Musk's efforts to infiltrate and eviscerate government agencies, Ranking Member Connolly called for the subpoena of Mr. Musk to testify before the Committee.
 - Ranking Member Connolly: *"Who is this unelected billionaire, that he can attempt to dismantle federal agencies, fire people, transfer them, offer them early retirement, and have sweeping reform or changes to agencies without any congressional review, oversight, or concurrence? Therefore, Mr. Chairman, given his prominence and his importance, I move that the Committee subpoena Elon Musk to come before it as a witness at the earliest possible moment."*
- **February 4: Connolly, Hoyer & Civil Service Organizations Coordinate United Front Against Co-President's Trump and Musk's Attacks on the Federal Workforce**
 - Ranking Member Connolly and Rep. Steny Hoyer, the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hosted a roundtable with major federal employee groups and civil service organizations to coordinate action on the Trump Administration's unprecedented and dangerous attacks on the federal workforce and the critical services they provide to the American people.
 - Ranking Member Connolly: *"Co-Presidents Trump and Musk and their cronies have used their first two weeks in office to launch a sweeping attack against the backbone of our government, the nonpartisan civil service. This Administration's utter disregard and disparagement of the federal workforce and their legacy of public service will be to the detriment of our government and the American people it serves. Today, Members heard directly from some of the people on the frontlines of this fight to coordinate our response to the chaos President Trump and his billionaire friends have unleashed on this country. Together, we will hold the line."*

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- **February 3: Oversight Committee Democrats Demand That Trump and Musk's Illegal Scam to Purge the Federal Workforce Be Revoked**
 - Oversight Democrats sent a letter to President Donald Trump, requesting documents and information regarding his "deferred resignation" offer sent en masse to the federal workforce, and urging him to rescind the offer. The letter cites concerns that it is an illegal scam that will decimate the civil service, endanger federal employees, and cause immeasurable harm to the services the American public depend on.
 - *The Members wrote: "Without the expertise and institutional knowledge that so many federal employees bring to their work, our government will be incapable of responding effectively to national emergencies, serving the American public, or even carrying out routine operations. The resignation offer sets the stage for an unparalleled crisis in our government's ability to deliver for the American people."*
- **February 3: Ranking Member Connolly Requests Chair Comer Invite Musk to Upcoming Hearing on "Rightsizing Government" Following His Government Infiltration**
 - Ranking Member Connolly sent a letter to Chairman James Comer requesting the Chair invite Elon Musk to the Committee's hearing on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 titled "Rightsizing Government."
 - *Ranking Member Connolly: "On Wednesday, February 5, 2025, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing titled 'Rightsizing Government.' In the two weeks since the start of the Trump Administration, Elon Musk—a billionaire oligarch, close friend and trusted confidante of President Trump—has already shown his outsized role in the restructuring and 'rightsizing' of the federal government. As the Oversight Committee uses the upcoming hearing to examine the 'size and complexity of the federal government,' I request that you invite Mr. Musk to appear as a witness."*



To be continued...

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

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