

Resolution of Inquiry into the Hostile Takeover of Social Security by President Trump and Elon Musk

For years, Republicans have been gunning for Social Security to weaken its brand, slash benefits, and move toward privatizing, which would allow their Wall Street buddies to profit hand over fist. Now, under a hypocritical and false promise of efficiency, the richest man in the world is calling it a “[Ponzi scheme](#)” and – along with the Trump-appointed Acting Commissioner of Social Security – is taking a wrecking ball to the Social Security Administration (SSA).

First, Elon Musk and his cronies gained access to U.S. Treasury payment systems that deliver Social Security benefits – now, they have turned their attention to SSA, accessing its databases. The Trump-Musk Administration has also announced plans to cut SSA’s workforce by nearly one out of every 8 employees, to close offices, and to slash its spending. If this plan becomes a reality, the public will face longer backlogs, delayed payments, and strained customer service, all of which are backdoor cuts to Social Security that will harm millions of Americans. Former SSA Commissioner Martin O’Malley recently [sounded the alarm](#) that for the first time in over eight decades, Social Security benefits could be interrupted.

Democrats are fighting to protect our nation’s 70 million Social Security beneficiaries. Led by Social Security Subcommittee Ranking Member John B. Larson (D-CT), Ways and Means Democrats are using a key tool for Congress to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch: a Resolution of Inquiry into the hostile takeover of Social Security and SSA by President Trump, Elon Musk, and his cronies.

The Resolution of Inquiry gives the President 14 days to provide all documents and copies, records, audio recordings, memorandum, and more, to the House of Representatives relating to the following:

- (1) Access to, and usage of, SSA’s systems by Elon Musk and his cronies, including the agency’s beneficiary records and payment systems;
- (2) Visits to SSA by Elon Musk and his cronies;
- (3) Actions taken by SSA to comply with Executive Orders issued by President Trump that jeopardize service to the public by slashing agency budgets, workforce, and offices; attack diversity, equity, and inclusion; and upend agency policymaking;
- (4) The volume of calls to SSA’s national 1-800 number during the initial phase of the hostile takeover;
- (5) The volume of calls and visitors to SSA’s field offices during the initial phase of the hostile takeover;
- (6) Current and planned closures of SSA offices, including field offices and hearing offices; and
- (7) Current and planned reductions of SSA staff.