## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

We write to urgently request that you arrange a briefing from Elon Musk for all Members of Congress regarding his role in the Trump administration and his actions as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). We request that this briefing include details on DOGE's actions to date, future plans, the authority Mr. Musk believes he has to take such actions, and details on whether or not he intends to adhere to court rulings.

Since the start of his tenure as head of DOGE, Elon Musk has used his new position to inflict significant damage on the federal government, withholding funds that have already been appropriated by Congress, firing thousands of federal employees, undermining and even attempting to dismantle entire agencies, accessing sensitive taxpayer data, and threatening devastating cuts to services and promised benefits that everyday Americans rely on and have earned. A number of court orders have already ruled these actions to be unlawful, <sup>1</sup> or even likely unconstitutional in the case of USAID <sup>2</sup>

These actions have had a direct impact on people across the country, and our constituents are reaching out in record numbers to express their opposition and outrage over Musk's role in the federal government and the harm he is causing to their communities. Many are also asking for a public contact for DOGE so that they may register their concerns with Mr. Musk and his team directly. Unfortunately, there is no public contact for DOGE, and even Members of Congress are finding it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get any straight answers for our constituents.

Therefore, in the interest of communication and transparency, we believe it is critical that Elon Musk come to Congress to provide a briefing and answer any and all questions that Members of Congress have regarding his role in the Trump administration and his actions as the head of DOGE. We appreciate your swift cooperation in facilitating this briefing.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your quick response.

Sincerely,

 $<sup>1 \\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisondurkee/2025/03/17/appeals-court-strikes-down-trump-request-to-fire-workers-heres-where-trump-and-musk-are-winning-and-losing-in-court/}$ 

<sup>2</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/18/us/politics/elon-musk-usaid-doge-unconstitutional.html

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress

Dave Min

Member of Congress

Andre Carson

Member of Congress

Rashida Tlaib

Member of Congress

Chrissy Houlahan

Member of Congress

Eleanor Holmes Norton Member of Congress

Eleano H. Noton

Jonathan L. Jackson Member of Congress

James P. McGovern Member of Congress

Jan Schakowsky

Member of Congress

Nydia M. Velázquez Member of Congress

Emanuel Cleaver, II Member of Congress



Adam Smith Member of Congress

Seth Magazine Member of Congress

Jim Costa

Member of Congress

Dina Titus

Member of Congress

Stephen F. Lynch Member of Congress

Ed Case

Ed Case

Member of Congress

Norma of Tones

Norma J. Torres Member of Congress

Jared Huffman Member of Congress

Røbin L. Kelly Member of Congress

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress

Andrea Salinas Member of Congress

Shri Thanedar Member of Congress



Maxine Dexter

Member of Congress

Ro Khanna

Member of Congress

Cleo Fields

Member of Congress

J**M** Tokuda

Member of Congress

N Tokula

Maxine Waters

Member of Congress

Maxine Waters

Nanette Diaz Barragán

Nanette Diaz Barragán

Member of Congress

Judy Chu

Judy Chu

Member of Congress

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Member of Congress

Wesley Bell

Member of Congress

Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.

Member of Congress

Becca Balint

Member of Congress

Dwight Evans

Member of Congress

Maggie Goodlander
Member of Congress

Ju**a**n Vargas

Member of Congress

Linda T. Sánchez Member of Congress

Winds J. Jain

Nikema Williams Member of Congress

Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Chell R

John Oszewski, Jr.

Member of Congress

Bennie G. Thompson Member of Congress

Bonnie Watson Coleman Member of Congress

Bolie Water Colema

Haley M. Stevens Member of Congress

Grace Meng

Member of Congress

Al Green

Member of Congress

LaMonica McIver Member of Congress

Lizzie Fletcher Member of Congress

Member of Congress

Brendan F. Boyle

Member of Congress

Member of Congress

Raul Ruiz, M.D. Member of Congress

Member of Congress

Diana DeGette Member of Congress

Dans Dollate

Madeleine Dean Member of Congress