Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 9, 2025

President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C.

President Trump,

We write to make clear that you must remove Elon Musk from his government position by May 30th and to demand that you stop ignoring federal law and ethics rules to empower an unelected billionaire. When you took office on January 20th, Musk became a special government employee (SGE), and, according to the law, Musk can only serve in this position for 130 days. Considering the repeated violations of the law by Musk and your administration, we demand an immediate public statement from your administration making clear that Musk will resign and surrender all decision making authority, as required by law, by May 30th.

In his short time in government, Elon Musk has done enormous harm to working Americans. Musk's reckless destruction of government agencies has led to everything from seniors having challenges accessing Social Security¹ to veterans losing access to care at VA hospitals.²

While millions of Americans are suffering, Musk is continuing to enrich himself and break ethics laws. Musk continues to cut funds from programs that support working people, while his own companies continue to rake in more than \$8 million per day in contracts and subsidies from the federal government. Recently, your administration changed the rules of a broadband program to give even more money to one of Musk's companies.³ Musk held a car show on the lawn of the White House, where he illegally ⁴ promoted his company's vehicles. Musk paid Wisconsin

¹ Rein, Lisa, and Hannah Natanson. "Long Waits, Waves of Calls, Website Crashes: Social Security Is Breaking Down." The Washington Post, 25 Mar. 2025, <u>www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/03/25/social-security-phones-doge-cuts/</u>.

² Kehrt, Sonner. "The VA Promised DOGE Cuts Won't Harm Veterans. Employees Say It's Already Happening." Mother Jones, 8 Mar. 2025, <u>www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/03/musk-doge-va-trump-veterans-affairs-cuts/</u>. Accessed 4 Apr. 2025.

³ "Trump's Changes to a \$42 Billion Broadband Program Could Be a Win for Musk's Starlink." NPR, 28 Mar. 2025, www.npr.org/2025/03/28/nx-s1-5338963/musk-starlink-broadband-commerce. Accessed 4 Apr. 2025.

⁴ "5 CFR § 2635.702 - Use of Public Office for Private Gain." LII / Legal Information Institute, 2019, www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/5/2635.702.

voters to support his preferred candidate in the state supreme court race.⁵ Any typical government employee would be held accountable for these actions, but Musk, who donated \$277 million to your presidential campaign, has been allowed to keep his position of power in your White House.

Once Elon Musk is removed from his post, he may not legally return to the federal government this year without divesting from his companies, including Tesla and SpaceX. For the good of the country, Elon Musk should be removed from his position immediately. Under the law, Mr. Musk cannot remain in his position beyond May 30th.

Sincerely,

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⁵ Sullivan, Andy. "Musk Gives Away Two \$1 Million Checks to Wisconsin Voters in High Profile Judicial Race." Reuters, 31 Mar. 2025, <u>www.reuters.com/world/us/musk-gives-away-two-1-million-checks-wisconsin-voters-high-profile-judicial-race-2025-03-31/</u>.

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