

February 3, 2025

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to demand immediate action regarding the unprecedented influence of Elon Musk within your administration. Allowing Mr. Musk to manage crucial government functions has already negatively impacted millions of Americans, and the people are angry. We believe it is time for you to fire Elon Musk.

Already, many of the actions Musk has been involved with, including the now-rescinded freeze on federal aid spending and pressure on federal employees to resign, have drawn widespread, bipartisan condemnation. Most recently, we have learned of his desire to access the Treasury Department's payment system, which has created concern across our nation.

Failure to act on this matter will leave millions of Americans – those who voted for you and those who did not alike – questioning whether you have outsourced the decision-making in your second presidential term to Elon Musk.

Musk's influence has reached inappropriate and dangerous levels. Many believe that in exchange for hundreds of millions of dollars in campaign donations and in-kind promotion on his platform, X, Musk has been granted special access to the White House, including an official email address, office space, and involvement in key governmental decisions through his "DOGE" network. This unprecedented access allows Musk to insert himself into the workings of our government, to the detriment of the American people and to his own financial benefit.

During your inaugural address, you stated, "For many years, a radical and corrupt establishment has drained our citizens of power and wealth, leaving the foundational pillars of our society broken and seemingly in total disrepair." Mr. President, Elon Musk epitomizes that corrupt establishment, having amassed much of his fortune from American taxpayers through SpaceX government contracts and Tesla subsidies.

As President, you have a responsibility to the people of this nation to staff your administration with qualified civil servants whose only loyalty is to our Constitution. However, Musk's actions thus far have provoked a massive public outcry against your Administration, opening it to criticism that you are acting in the interest of billionaire elites instead of the American people. Musk continues to enjoy access and influence that should not be afforded to any private citizen – let alone a billionaire with no accountability to the American people. Musk's behavior and the access he's been granted are fundamentally incompatible with the ethical standards expected of federal employees, all of whom must be held accountable and undergo proper Senate confirmation.

We urge you to remove Elon Musk from any position of influence within your administration. It is time to restore power to the American people and ensure that decisions are made by those accountable to the people, not the wealthy elite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virginia Kase Solomón". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Virginia Kase Solomón  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Common Cause