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President Trump has empowered Elon Musk with unprecedented power over the Federal Government, yet he remains exempt from filing public financial disclosure. The Ending DOGE Conflicts Act ensures all government employees who own, control, or are the CEO of a company receiving federal contracts are required to file a financial disclosure. It also takes the review and waiver process out of the hands of Trump Appointees and into the Office of Government Ethics, an independent agency.

Elon Musk, in his role with 'DOGE', has an extraordinary number of conflicts of interest, including <u>over \$15 billion in government contracts</u> and control of businesses regulated by agencies including the SEC, NASA, the FAA, the EPA, and NHTSA. Musk's business dealings have also been or are currently subject to investigations across the federal government. Troublingly, the White House has stated that <u>Musk alone is responsible for policing his conflicts of interest.</u>

Associated Press: How Elon Musk's crusade against government could benefit Tesla

New York Times: Elon Musk's Financial Disclosure Will Not Be Made Public

New York Times: <u>Elon Musk's Business Empire Scores Benefits Under Trump Shake-Up</u>



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The bill would ensure:

- 1. **Transparency:** The legislation requires any employee, including "Special Government Employees," who has a financial interest in government contracts (owner, controlling stakeholder, or CEO of a company contracted by the Federal government) to file a Public Financial Disclosure Agreement.
 - a. Under current law, Musk is not required to file a Public Financial Disclosure because he is not <u>paid over the salary threshold or holding a specified position.</u> This is a common sense provision that recognizes the influence Musk holds in the Trump Administration and simply puts him on par with the over 29,000 federal employees who filed public disclosures last year.
- 2. An End to Conflicts of Interest: This legislation prevents the specified employees from performing government work until their financial disclosure form has been submitted and the conflict of interest remediation can be completed.
 - a. Under current law, filers are about to work for up to 90 days while this process is ongoing. This creates a clear loophole we are currently seeing play out.
- 3. **Independent Review:** This legislation moves the remediation process for the specified employees to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), an independent agency.
 - a. Under current law, the financial disclosure and conflict of interest remediation is handled at the agency level by employees designated by agency heads.