

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Gene Dodaro  
Comptroller General of the United States  
Government Accountability Office  
441 G St NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller General Dodaro:

As members of the Committee on Ways and Means, we ask your office to investigate the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) unprecedented access to the Treasury Department's payment and other systems, including access to confidential taxpayer information, and to report back as requested below.

On January 31, 2025, the Treasury Secretary granted members of the DOGE team access to Treasury's payment systems. Court filings since then have established that one DOGE team member was initially given "read/write" privileges<sup>1</sup> and "may have occasionally included screenshots of payment systems data or records"<sup>2</sup> in correspondence with other DOGE employees. Very little information has been shared with the public regarding measures taken to ensure the security of their private data.

A lack of transparency has resulted in widespread confusion regarding the safety of taxpayers' sensitive private data. The American people still have no idea of the extent of DOGE's access to and use of confidential taxpayer information. This must be addressed to ensure it complies with 26 U.S.C. § 6103.

Quoting from a February 16, 2023 letter from Chairman Jason Smith to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) regarding a previous disclosure of private information, we ask that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) conduct a similar investigation:

"Therefore, I request that TIGTA commit in writing that it will complete the following actions:

1. Conduct a comprehensive and timely investigation.
2. Produce a report that summarizes TIGTA's investigation with findings and recommendations.
3. Provide me with a full copy of TIGTA's unredacted report.
4. Make as much of that report public as possible, consistent with 26 U.S.C. § 6103."

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. We look forward to learning the results of your investigation.

Sincerely,



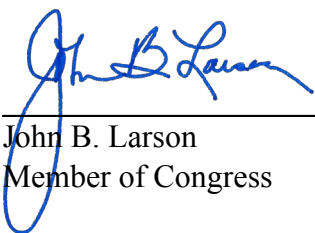
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<sup>1</sup> Affirmation of Joseph Gioeli III, State of New York v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury, No. 1:25-cv-1144-JAV, Dkt. 34, ¶4.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* ¶20.



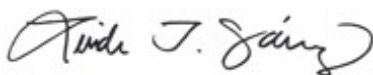
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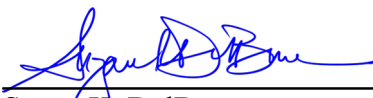
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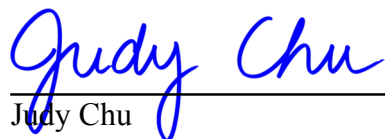
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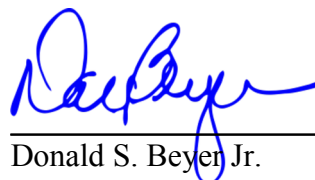
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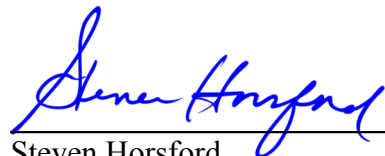
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