



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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March 18, 2025

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
1139 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith,

We write in follow up to our request during the markup of H. Res. 127 to have this Committee require Elon Musk and members of the “Department of Government Efficiency” (DOGE) appear in a public hearing to answer questions about DOGE’s actions regarding departments, agencies, and programs within this Committee’s jurisdiction.

We understand that members of DOGE have accessed, and are attempting to access, millions of Americans’ personal and confidential tax, worker, Social Security, health, child custody, and other private information located at departments and agencies within this Committee’s jurisdiction. Our Committee owes a duty to our constituents and the American people to determine what data has been accessed and copied, how the data is or will be used, where the data has been shared, and the names, clearance levels, and training levels of the individuals who have accessed, or are accessing, this data.

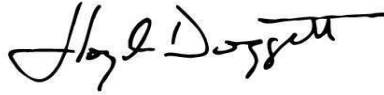
Given the history of this Committee, we assume it would want to protect the confidential tax returns and return information of all citizens regardless of the agency possessing such data. As you know, Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code provides that tax returns and return information shall be confidential unless an exception applies. The unauthorized disclosure of tax returns and return information is a felony.

As stated during the markup, privacy is next to liberty in our democratic system. We believe DOGE’s access is an extreme breach of privacy of the American people. No one, including DOGE, should be rummaging around in the confidential information of private citizens at any agency in possession of protected information. We call on this Committee to hold a hearing immediately to examine the breadth of DOGE’s actions and require Elon Musk and members of DOGE to appear as witnesses before the Committee.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Ranking Member



The Honorable Lloyd Doggett



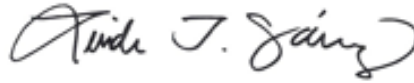
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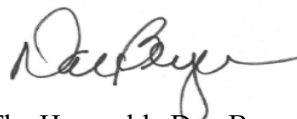
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