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The Honorable David Joyce
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
House Appropriations Committee
2000 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Joyce,

We write to renew our call for the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government to hold an oversight hearing on the United States DOGE Service (DOGE). It has now been nearly a year since members of this subcommittee first formally requested such a hearing in our March 24, 2025 letter to you. That request was never granted, and the consequences of that inaction are now plain to see.

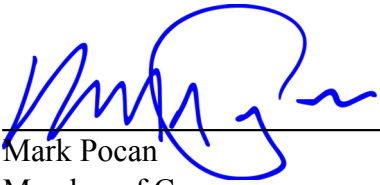
What we have learned since, much of it not through congressional oversight but through litigation, is deeply troubling. Depositions recently made public as part of a lawsuit brought by academic and scholarly organizations reveal that at least one DOGE staffer, a former investment banker with no government experience, used ChatGPT to scan federal grants and contracts for terms like "Black" and "homosexual" while declining to search for comparable terms. He admitted he was unable to define what he considered diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to be, and in one instance described a grant as "not for the benefit of humankind" before walking that claim back under questioning. Perhaps most troubling, this same staffer testified that he considered a grant documenting the stories of Jewish women who survived the Holocaust to be DEI because it was focused specifically on "Jewish cultures" and amplified the voices of women within it. That grant was canceled. These were the methodologies being used to cancel federal funding and terminate government programs intended to benefit millions of Americans.

This is precisely what an oversight hearing could have exposed and prevented. Had the Subcommittee acted on our request last March, members would have had the opportunity to ask basic questions: What authority did DOGE personnel have to access sensitive government systems? How were decisions made about which contracts and grants to terminate? Who supervised these individuals, and what qualifications did they possess? Instead, those questions went unasked while reckless DOGE operatives worked without accountability, causing disruption across federal agencies that experts have linked to serious humanitarian and operational consequences.

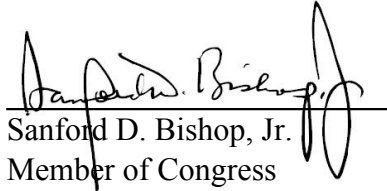
This Subcommittee has clear jurisdiction over DOGE and questions about its access to agency systems and the legal basis for its personnel arrangements all fall squarely within our purview. As appropriators, we fail to fulfill our constitutional responsibilities if we refuse to examine how the funds we appropriate are being used.

We urge you to schedule this hearing without further delay. The American people deserve answers about who made these decisions, how they made them, and on what authority.

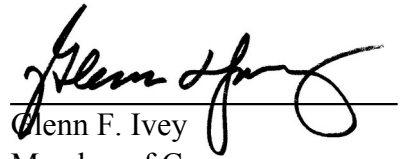
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