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Mr. Louis DeJoy Postmaster General U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write to request information about the agreement you signed with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), outlined in your March 13, 2025, letter to Congress, which allows Elon Musk and DOGE to infiltrate the independent U.S. Postal Service (Postal Service). As you explain in the letter, this agreement authorizes DOGE to "assist" the Postal Service, presumably in making drastic cuts to Americans' mail service and firing thousands of postal employees. The actions of employees operating under the "DOGE" moniker have thus far been shielded from transparency and accountability, but this cannot continue. Congress and the American people have a right to know the full details of the agreement, the extent to which you have enabled DOGE to apply its chainsaw approach to America's most trusted institution, and how the actions of DOGE employees will undermine lifesaving services, expose sensitive taxpayer data, and contribute to other unlawful activity.

Elon Musk claims that all of DOGE's actions are "maximally transparent," but Congress and the American people have no real insight into the actual operations of DOGE.³ The Trump Administration has attempted to shield DOGE from government transparency laws, such as the Freedom of Information Act.⁴ The little that we do know about DOGE operations is deeply troubling. For example, Mr. Musk admitted that DOGE accidentally cancelled Ebola prevention efforts.⁵ Republicans across the country have heard from constituents who are irate that DOGE has access to the government's centralized payment systems and that DOGE could expose

¹ Letter to Congress from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service (Mar. 13, 2025) (online at www.documentcloud.org/documents/25560998-pmg-dejoy-to-congressionalleaders-3132025/).

² *Id.*; USPS Agrees to Work with DOGE on Reform, Planning to Cut 10,000 Workers, AP (Mar. 14, 2025) (online at https://apnews.com/article/us-postal-service-doge-agreement-daf3bf54fa0718908791fcb368b4d9d8).

³ Courts Force a Window into Musk's Secretive Unit, New York Times (Feb. 18, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/02/18/us/politics/doge-lawsuits-elon-musk.html).

⁴ *DOGE Structure, Authority Emerge as Biggest DC Mystery Under Trump,* The Hill (March 1, 2025) (online at https://thehill.com/policy/technology/5170326-doge-structure-trump-mystery/).

⁵ Musk Says DOGE 'Restored' Ebola Prevention Effort. Officials Say That's Not True, Washington Post (Feb. 27, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/02/26/elon-musk-ebola-prevention-usaid-doge/).

sensitive taxpayer data through its reckless actions.⁶ What little additional information we have about DOGE comes from Mr. Musk's posts to the social media platform he owns and DOGE's own website, which was found to be riddled with factual errors.⁷

To understand DOGE's impact on the Postal Service, I request that you provide the following information by March 31, 2025:

- 1. All agreement(s) or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) signed with the General Services Administration (GSA) and "DOGE representatives," as referenced in your March 13, 2025, letter to Congress.
- 2. A full and complete list of all DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, and "DOGE representatives" who have worked with the USPS from January 20, 2025, to the present. Please include resumes for said individuals.
- 3. A full and complete list of all "other initiatives" discussed with Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives," as referenced in your March 13, 2025, letter to Congress.
- 4. All communications between the Postal Service and Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives" referencing or related to the development and consideration of the agreement with GSA and "DOGE representatives," as referenced in your March 13, 2025, letter to Congress.
- 5. Any agreements, documents, and information related to data, systems, or information access provided by the Postal Service to Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives," including any personnel data, personally identifiable information, or personal health information of Postal Service employees and annuitants.
- 6. A full and complete list and detailed description of system access or security permissions the Postal Service has granted to Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives," including the names, positions, and security clearance levels held by said individuals.

⁶ Republicans Face Angry Voters at Town Halls, Hinting at Broader Backlash, New York Times (Feb. 23, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/02/23/us/politics/republicans-congress-town-halls-trump.html).

⁷ DOGE Team's "Wall of Receipts" Shows Errors in Tallying Billions in Savings, CBS News (Feb. 19, 2025) (online at www.cbsnews.com/news/doge-wall-of-receipts-shows-errors-tallying-billions-in-savings/).

- 7. A full and complete list and detailed description of recommended actions, including all related documents and communications, from Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives," and a full and complete list and detailed description of all actions, including related documents and communications, taken related to said recommendations.
- 8. A full and complete list and detailed description of all security measures and protocols observed by Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives" when granted access to Postal Service systems or networks and the safeguards taken to ensure that any and all data was handled appropriately and securely.
- 9. A full and complete list and detailed description of any personnel actions taken or recommended by Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives."
- 10. A full and complete list and detailed description of any security or data breaches related to Elon Musk, DOGE, DOGE staff, DOGE Team members, individuals working on DOGE-related activities, or "DOGE representatives."

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives, and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly Ranking Member

The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

cc: