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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth Secretary U.S. Department of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ("the Committee") are conducting an investigation into Elon Musk, special government employee and senior adviser to President Donald Trump, and the extensive ties he has to China, Russia, and other foreign governments and officials. Given the vast and growing number of government contracts awarded to Mr. Musk and his companies, including from the Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—as well as the multiple conflicts of interest arising from them—the Democratic Members of the Committee are interested in whether he has fully disclosed all connections, interactions, payments, and business with foreign governments and officials.<sup>2</sup>

To assist us in this investigation, we request that you provide by May 15, 2025, all documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Department of Defense, regardless of origin, from January 1, 2015, to the present concerning:

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Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly

Ranking Member

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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ("the Committee") are conducting an investigation into Elon Musk, special government employee and senior adviser to President Donald Trump, and the extensive ties he has to China, Russia, and other foreign governments and officials. Given the vast and growing number of government contracts awarded to Mr. Musk and his companies, including from the Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—as well as the multiple conflicts of interest arising from them—the Democratic Members of the Committee are interested in whether he has fully disclosed all connections, interactions, payments, and business with foreign governments and officials.<sup>2</sup>

To assist us in this investigation, we request that you provide by May 15, 2025, all documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, regardless of origin, from January 1, 2015, to the present concerning:

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The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard Director Office of the Director of National Intelligence 1500 Tysons McLean Drive McLean, VA 22102

Dear Director Gabbard:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ("the Committee") are conducting an investigation into Elon Musk, special government employee and senior adviser to President Donald Trump, and the extensive ties he has to China, Russia, and other foreign governments and officials. Given the vast and growing number of government contracts awarded to Mr. Musk and his companies, including from the Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—as well as the multiple conflicts of interest arising from them—the Democratic Members of the Committee are interested in whether he has fully disclosed all connections, interactions, payments, and business with foreign governments and officials.<sup>2</sup>

To assist us in this investigation, we request that you provide by May 15, 2025, all documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, regardless of origin, from January 1, 2015, to the present concerning:

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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Susan Wiles Chief of Staff The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Wiles:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ("the Committee") are conducting an investigation into Elon Musk, special government employee and senior adviser to President Donald Trump, and the extensive ties he has to China, Russia, and other foreign governments and officials.¹ Given the vast and growing number of government contracts awarded to Mr. Musk and his companies, including from the Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—as well as the multiple conflicts of interest arising from them—the Democratic Members of the Committee are interested in whether he has fully disclosed all connections, interactions, payments, and business with foreign governments and officials.²

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