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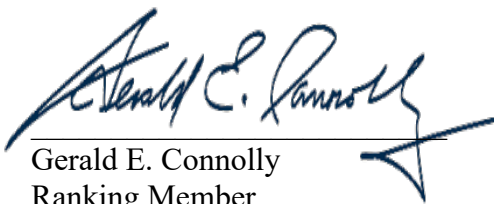
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The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

On Wednesday, February 5, 2025, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing titled “Rightsizing Government.”¹ In the two weeks since the start of the Trump Administration, Elon Musk—a billionaire oligarch, close friend and trusted confidante of President Trump—has already shown his outsized role in the restructuring and “rightsizing” of the federal government.² As the Oversight Committee uses the upcoming hearing to examine the “size and complexity of the federal government,” I request that you invite Mr. Musk to appear as a witness.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Ranking Member

¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Comer Announces Hearing on Rightsizing Federal Government* (Jan. 29, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-announces-hearing-on-rightsizing-federal-government%ef%bf%bc/>).

² See Elon Musk (@elonmusk), X (Feb. 3, 2025) (online at <https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1886307316804263979>); Elon Musk (@elonmusk), X (Feb. 2, 2025) (online at <https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1886134485822922785>); *Musk Aides Lock Workers Out of OPM Computer Systems*, Reuters (Feb. 2, 2025) (online at www.reuters.com/world/us/musk-aides-lock-government-workers-out-computer-systems-us-agency-sources-say-2025-01-31/); *Elon Musk’s Team Now Has Access to Treasury’s Payments Systems*, New York Times (Feb. 1, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/02/01/us/politics/elon-musk-doge-federal-payments-system.html).