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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

I write regarding alarming reports of Elon Musk's pervasive drug use during the 2024 presidential campaign cycle and seek information concerning your knowledge of whether Mr. Musk continued his illicit drug use while serving as a special government employee and senior adviser in your White House.¹ Given his prominent role in the Trump Administration, the American people deserve to know the history and extent of Mr. Musk's drug use and any influence illicit drugs may have had on his efforts to illegally and recklessly dismantle our government. If Mr. Musk is struggling with substance abuse, it is my hope that he gets the assistance and treatment he needs.

In May, Committee Democrats twice requested information from the White House, Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Office of the Director of National Intelligence relevant to Elon Musk's background, including his reported history of drug use.² The White House and members of your Administration have refused to respond to these requests.

A recent report by *The New York Times* indicates that Mr. Musk consumed extensive amounts of illicit and prescription drugs that "went well beyond occasional use" while serving as a surrogate of your campaign during the 2024 presidential cycle.³ Mr. Musk reportedly consumed ecstasy, psychedelic mushrooms, and ketamine to such a degree that he developed

¹ *On the Campaign Trail, Elon Musk Juggled Drugs and Family Drama*, New York Times (May 30, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/us/elon-musk-drugs-children-trump.html).

² Letter from Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, et al., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to the Honorable Susan Wiles, Chief of Staff, White House (May 1, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-05-01-letters-re-form-sf86.pdf>); Letter from Acting Ranking Member Stephen Lynch, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to the Honorable Susan Wiles, Chief of Staff, White House (May 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/05.30.2025-sfl-to-wiles_hegseth_patel_gabbard.pdf).

³ *On the Campaign Trail, Elon Musk Juggled Drugs and Family Drama*, New York Times (May 30, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/us/elon-musk-drugs-children-trump.html).

“bladder issues,” and “traveled with a daily medication box that held about 20 pills[.]”⁴ This latest report follows similar accounts of Mr. Musk consuming “LSD, cocaine, ecstasy and psychedelic mushrooms, often at private parties around the world, where attendees sign nondisclosure agreements or give up their phones to enter[.]”⁵ Indeed, executives and board members at his companies have long held a “persistent concern” that Mr. Musk’s consumption of illicit drugs may influence his actions and have major consequences on business.⁶

Mr. Musk donated more than \$250 million to your election effort, was your largest campaign donor, and was subsequently named to a prominent position in your Administration as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).⁷ Mr. Musk attended Cabinet meetings and was granted sweeping authority to illegally dismantle federal agencies, purge federal workers, and access sensitive taxpayer data.⁸ His actions have resulted in the mass firings of thousands of career public servants and experts, the elimination of life-saving services, and the sowing of confusion in the administration of critical programs relied upon by millions of Americans.⁹ It is clear that DOGE’s efforts have failed the nation and only served to increase costs on American households.¹⁰ The drastic and erratic nature of Mr. Musk’s decisions and actions as a government employee, coupled with the reports of his drug use, begs the question of whether Mr. Musk was under the influence of illicit substances while working in your White House. The American people deserve to know whether Mr. Musk was under the influence while he gleefully took a “chainsaw” to our federal government.¹¹

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Elon Musk Has Used Illegal Drugs, Worrying Leaders at Tesla and SpaceX*, Wall Street Journal (Jan. 6, 2024) (online at https://www.wsj.com/business/elon-musk-illegal-drugs-e826a9e1?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAgKcMnz2gLX1L9nWf-LmfzTxmjRUi2AJ9IUR65NN7uovjLiFMpTGJT5Y_KnBPk%3D&gaa_ts=6836310b&gaa_sig=uVhlWCW4rrbmAr09kuBQ6qjB8_bBQzyq8zKUigr-u9uZFDUCyZh-aygQacEygg7vvtizMaOepE5FRwKcim_cRA%3D%3D).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Elon Musk Pumped a Quarter-Billion Dollars Into Pro-Trump Campaign Groups*, Wall Street Journal (Dec. 6, 2024) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/elections/elon-musk-trump-republican-super-pac-investment-78a725cb?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAjjBOjLJ59WQERMvj5UUCFdR3KWNJ2WtQyoTrfg7qT2eM9xgOIR6Rp-d&gaa_ts=683f2eac&gaa_sig=0SaU1Jli581SqeOfd5bQWp-t3XIcCzpZxsVrNhT7Xo4i5e-oWljGIP2OUN8IV2p-P1aaGLL0GgpY1I8P0maL6g%3D%3D); *Elon Musk Is a ‘Special Government Employee.’ What Does That Mean?*, New York Times (Feb. 5, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/02/05/us/politics/elon-musk-special-government-employee-explainer.html).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *See As Musk Steps Back, Experts Say Doge Cuts Have Harmed Government Services*, Guardian (May 5, 2025) (online at <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/may/05/elon-musk-doge-federal-government>).

¹⁰ *How Trump’s Regulatory Rollbacks Are Increasing Costs on Americans*, New York Times (May 30, 2025) (online www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/us/politics/doge-cuts-elon-musk-trump.html); *What Elon Musk Didn’t Budget For: Firing Workers Costs Money, Too*, New York Times (Apr. 24, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html).

¹¹ *Musk Said He Was Chainsawing Government Spending. It Was More Like a Trim*, Reuters (May 20, 2025) (online at www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/musk-said-he-was-chainsawing-government-spending-it-was-more-like-trim-2025-05-30/).

Your knowledge of any drug use by Mr. Musk while he was employed in your Administration deserves scrutiny. Accordingly, and to assist the Committee in this investigation, I request that you provide complete and substantive responses to the inquiries below no later than June 18, 2025:

1. Please provide any information you or any Administration officials have regarding whether Mr. Musk consumed any illicit substances while a special government employee of the federal government or senior adviser to the President.
2. Please provide any information you or any Administration officials have regarding whether Elon Musk has consumed any illicit substances on the campus of the White House, the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, or any other federal building.
3. Please provide any information you have regarding whether you or your presidential campaign staff, employees, and officials were aware or had knowledge of Mr. Musk's consumption of illicit substances during the 2024 presidential campaign cycle and prior to January 20, 2025. Please describe the date and circumstances under which you became aware, in addition to any actions taken by you or your presidential campaign as a result of this knowledge.
4. Please provide any information you or any Administration officials have regarding whether you, White House officials or personnel, personal staff, or family were aware or had knowledge of Mr. Musk's consumption of illicit substances after January 20, 2025, to the present. Please describe the date and circumstances under which you became aware, in addition to any actions taken by you or your Administration as a result of this knowledge.

In addition, I again demand that your Administration comply with the requests for documents, materials, and information contained in the Committee's letters dated May 1, 2025, and May 30, 2025.¹²

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. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

¹² Letter from Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, et al., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to the Honorable Susan Wiles, Chief of Staff, White House (May 1, 2025) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-05-01-letters-re-form-sf86.pdf>); Letter from Acting Ranking Member Stephen Lynch, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to the Honorable Susan Wiles, Chief of Staff, White House (May 30, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/05.30.2025-sfl-to-wiles_hegseth_patel_gabbard.pdf).

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Sincerely,


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cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman