

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-3302

February 10, 2025

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

Dear President Trump:

We are deeply alarmed about reports that Elon Musk and Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) staff entered the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, and gained access to the IT systems, as well as the IT systems of its parent agency, the Department of Commerce. We urgently request clarification regarding the nature and purpose of these intrusions as well as your administration's plans for NOAA and its role moving forward.

NOAA is the key agency tasked with providing daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, climate monitoring, and much more. The importance of its work cannot be understated. Forecasters at the National Weather Service (NWS) work around the clock to provide weather forecasts and severe weather alerts that save American lives and protect property and commerce. Our farmers, fishermen, and hardworking Americans in a range of other industries depend on access to NOAA data, information, and forecasts for their lives and livelihoods. In addition, our airports work closely with NWS to ensure the safety and efficiency of our National Aviation System. Any threat or perceived threat to disrupt operations at NOAA poses a great danger in this country.

Furthermore, Mr. Musk's business interests in industries adjacent to NOAA's work—including aerospace, telecommunications, and artificial intelligence—raise serious conflict of interest questions about his meddling with the agency's data and operations as well as its public mission.

To that end, we urgently request that your administration provide answers to the following questions:

1. What was the purpose and nature of DOGE's intrusion into the headquarters and IT systems of NOAA and the Department of Commerce?
2. What data, including sensitive employee data, was DOGE able to access?
3. Does your administration plan to alter NOAA's mission, authority, or services provided, including through downsizing or termination of its employees?
4. Does your administration plan to eliminate or restrict public access to NOAA data, forecasting, or severe weather warnings?
5. What safeguards are in place to prevent Mr. Musk from corruptly abusing his access to NOAA data?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. We ask that you provide responses to these questions no later than February 21, 2025.

Sincerely,



Deborah K. Ross  
Member of Congress



Eric Sorensen  
Member of Congress