

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT
TO TRANSMIT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE CONFLICTS
OF INTEREST OF ELON MUSK AND RELATED INFORMA-
TION

APRIL 9, 2025.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. COMER, from the Committee on Oversight and Government
Reform, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H. Res. 186]

The Committee on the Oversight and Government Reform, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 186) of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information, having considered the same, reports unfavorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution not be agreed to.

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

H. Res. 186 requests the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Committee opposes this resolution, which is a partisan effort by House Democrats to protest Elon Musk's role in assisting President Trump in fulfilling his promises to the American people.

House Democrats spent the last four years covering up for the corrupt Biden Crime Family and obstructing efforts at seeking Executive Branch accountability. Despite mounting evidence of corruption by former President Biden and his Administration, while serving in the minority last Congress House Democrats offered no such Resolution of Inquiry (ROI) seeking information from then-president Biden. And before that, while serving in the majority, House Democrats routinely dismissed House Republican ROI's seeking information from President Biden's Administration.

Elon Musk is offering expertise and business best practices at the request of the President to assist in identifying new efficiencies in the federal bureaucracy and to reduce the size and complexity of the federal government. Elon Musk should not be singled out for the sacrifices he is making to serve this country. It was not long ago that Elon Musk, the founder of an innovative and pioneering electric vehicle company, among other successful enterprises, was praised by House Democrats. Therefore, it appears that House Democrats' skepticism of and opposition to Elon Musk is due to his efforts in service of the Administration's government efficiency and cost-cutting goals.

Considering the partisan nature of this resolution, the Committee recommends not considering this resolution further in the U.S. House.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

H. Res. 186 requests the President transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to employment decisions regarding federal employees and inspectors general of agencies. The Resolution officially requests the President transmit to the U.S. House in 14 days after adoption of the resolution information related to:

- Elon Musk and his role, official or nonofficial, with the Federal Government;
- Any realized or perceived conflict of interest Elon Musk may have related to his role with the United States DOGE Service (commonly referred to as the "Department of Government Efficiency" or "DOGE"), any DOGE agency team, or any other government or pseudo-government entity;
- Any Elon Musk-owned, -managed, -licensed, or -controlled corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, limited

partnerships, or ventures, or entity on which Elon Musk serves on the board of directors; or

- Any Federal Government contract involving any Elon Musk-owned, -managed, -licensed, or -controlled corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, or ventures, or entity on which Elon Musk serves on the board of directors.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H. Res. 186, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information, was introduced on March 4, 2025, by Representative Gerald Connolly. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The following Representatives are cosponsors of the resolution: Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Ro Khanna (D-CA), Kweisi Mfume (D-MD), Shontel Brown (D-OH), Melanie Stansbury (D-NM), Robert Garcia (D-CA), Maxwell Frost (D-FL), Summer Lee (D-PA), Greg Casar (D-TX), Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), Emily Randall (D-WA), Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA), Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ), Wesley Bell (D-MO), Lateefah Simon (D-CA), Dave Min (D-CA), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI).

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On March 25, 2025, the Committee met in open session to consider and debate the resolution, with a vote to favorably report H. Res. 186 failing by a roll call vote of 21 to 23, a quorum being present. On April 9, 2025, the Committee met a second time in open session and ordered the resolution, H. Res. 186, unfavorably reported by a roll call vote of 20 to 15, a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, there was one roll call vote during the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 186 on March 25, 2025. Favorably reporting H. Res. 186 to the House failed on a recorded vote of 21 to 23. There was a second roll call vote during the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 186 on April 9, 2025. H. Res. 186 was ordered unfavorably reported to the House on a recorded vote of 20 to 15.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

119TH CONGRESS

RATIO 26-21

ROLL CALL

Vote on favorably reporting the resolution: H.Res. 186, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information.

Date: 3/25/2025

VOTE #: 26

Republicans	Aye	No	Present	Democrats	Aye	No	Present
MR. COMER (KY) <i>(Chairman)</i>		X		MR. CONNOLLY (VA) <i>(Ranking Member)</i>	X		
MR. JORDAN (OH)				MS. NORTON (DC)	X		
MR. TURNER (OH)				MR. LYNCH (MA)	X		
MR. GOSAR (AZ)		X		MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY (IL)	X		
MS. FOXX (NC)		X		MR. KHANNA (CA)	X		
MR. GROTHMAN (WI)		X		MR. MFUME (MD)	X		
MR. CLOUD (TX)		X		MS. BROWN (OH)	X		
MR. PALMER (AL)		X		MS. STANSBURY (NM)	X		
MR. HIGGINS (LA)		X		MR. GARCIA (CA)	X		
MR. SESSIONS (TX)		X		MR. FROST (FL)	X		
MR. BIGGS (AZ)		X		MS. LEE of PENNSYLVANIA (PA)	X		
MS. MACE (SC)		X		MR. CASAR (TX)	X		
MR. FALLON (TX)		X		MS. CROCKETT (TX)	X		
MR. DONALDS (FL)		X		MS. RANDALL (WA)	X		
MR. PERRY (PA)		X		MR. SUBRAMANYAM (VA)	X		
MR. TIMMONS (SC)		X		MS. ANSARI (AZ)	X		
MR. BURCHETT (TN)		X		MR. BELL (MO)	X		
MS. GREENE OF GEORGIA (GA)		X		MS. SIMON (CA)	X		
MS. BOEBERT (CO)		X		MR. MIN (CA)	X		
MRS. LUNA (FL)		X		MS. PRESSLEY (MA)	X		
MR. LANGWORTHY (NY)				MS. TLAIB (MI)	X		
MR. BURLISON (MO)		X					
MR. CRANE (AZ)		X					
MR. JACK (GA)		X					
MR. MCGUIRE (VA)		X					
MR. GILL (TX)		X					

Roll Call Totals:

Ayes: 21

Nays: 23

Present:

Passed: _____

Failed: X

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

119TH CONGRESS

RAT10 26-21

ROLL CALL

Vote on Ordering the Resolution Reported Unfavorably: H.Res. 186, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information.

Date: 4/9/2025

VOTE #: 2

Republicans	Aye	No	Present	Democrats	Aye	No	Present
MR. COMER (KY) (Chairman)	X			MR. CONNOLLY (VA) (Ranking Member)			
MR. JORDAN (OH)				MS. NORTON (DC)		X	
MR. TURNER (OH)				MR. LYNCH (MA)			
MR. GOSAR (AZ)	X			MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY (IL)		X	
MS. FOXX (NC)				MR. KHANNA (CA)		X	
MR. GROTHMAN (WI)	X			MR. MFUME (MD)			
MR. CLOUD (TX)	X			MS. BROWN (OH)		X	
MR. PALMER (AL)	X			MS. STANSBURY (NM)		X	
MR. HIGGINS (LA)	X			MR. GARCIA (CA)		X	
MR. SESSIONS (TX)	X			MR. FROST (FL)		X	
MR. BIGGS (AZ)	X			MS. LEE of PENNSYLVANIA (PA)		X	
MS. MACE (SC)				MR. CASAR (TX)		X	
MR. FALLON (TX)				MS. CROCKETT (TX)			
MR. DONALDS (FL)	X			MS. RANDALL (WA)		X	
MR. PERRY (PA)	X			MR. SUBRAMANYAM (VA)		X	
MR. TIMMONS (SC)	X			MS. ANSARI (AZ)		X	
MR. BURCHETT (TN)	X			MR. BELL (MO)		X	
MS. GREENE OF GEORGIA (GA)				MS. SIMON (CA)			
MS. BOEBERT (CO)	X			MR. MIN (CA)			
MRS. LUNA (FL)	X			MS. PRESSLEY (MA)		X	
MR. LANGWORTHY (NY)	X			MS. TLAIB (MI)		X	
MR. BURLISON (MO)	X						
MR. CRANE (AZ)	X						
MR. JACK (GA)	X						
MR. MCGUIRE (VA)	X						
MR. GILL (TX)	X						

Roll Call Totals:

Ayes: 20

Nays: 15

Present:

Passed: _____ X _____

Failed: _____

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

During Committee consideration of the resolution, Representative James Comer (R-KY), Chairman of the Committee, offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would make certain technical changes to the resolution. The amendment in the nature of a substitute failed by voice vote.

LIST OF RELATED COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The Committee did not hold any hearings on this resolution.

STATEMENT OF OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII and clause (2)(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the Background and Need for Legislation section above.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals or objectives of this resolution are to request the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information.

APPLICATION OF LAW TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 102(b)(3) of Public Law 104-1 requires a description of the application of this resolution to the legislative branch where the resolution relates to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services and accommodations. This resolution does not relate to employment or access to public services and accommodations in the legislative branch.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

In accordance with clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII no provision of this resolution establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 5(b) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. 1004(b)), the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Committee finds that this resolution does not direct the establishment of advisory committees.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

The Committee finds that H. Res. 186 does not contain any unfunded mandates.

EARMARK IDENTIFICATION

This resolution does not include any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee finds that H. Res. 186 would not affect direct spending.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST
ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the Congressional Budget Office will not produce a cost estimate as the resolution does not have the force of law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE RESOLUTION, AS REPORTED

The resolution makes no change to existing law.

MINORITY VIEWS

Our government is a great experiment—the first government designed to be of, by, and for the American people. It is made up of dedicated public servants who take an oath to serve the American people, and support and defend the Constitution of the United States. They do not swear loyalty to a king or an emperor, or even the President or Congress, but to the Constitution. This oath is the foundation upon which every civil servant’s career is built.

Yet President Trump has shown since the day he illegally fired 17 nonpartisan inspectors general that political loyalty is more important to him than the interests of the American people. Instead of supporting nonpartisan civil servants, he has worked to purge the federal government of these dedicated career professionals in favor of partisan hacks. Along with his chainsaw wielding billionaire donor, Elon Musk, President Trump is working to turn a nation of laws for the people into a nation of gift for the wealthy.

In an unprecedented arrangement, Trump has bestowed expansive, unlawful, and possibly unconstitutional authority on this unelected billionaire. Mr. Musk is redirecting billions of taxpayer dollars to fund his own financial interests while slashing federal government employees, programs, and services. At the same time, Mr. Musk remains in charge of a sprawling private sector business empire that continues to rely on billions of dollars in government funding and has been charged with managing his own conflicts of interest.

As of February 2025, Mr. Musk has been promised a combined total of at least \$38 billion in contracts, loans, subsidies, and tax credits from federal and state governments. Mr. Musk continues to profit from taxpayer dollars and now finds himself in charge of determining which federal contracts the government will keep and which will be cut—an arrangement that runs afoul of the law and is a recipe for corruption.

Mr. Musk’s space exploration company, SpaceX, and its satellite and telecommunications subsidiary, Starlink, have benefitted from a General Services Administration multiple award schedule contract for satellite services and equipment through which the companies have received \$1.8 million from various federal agencies since 2021. At the Department of Transportation, Mr. Musk’s DOGE operation has directed the firing of 400 employees at the Federal Aviation Administration, which just months earlier fined Mr. Musk’s SpaceX company for disregarding license requirements for two of its launches. DOGE also fired 4% of the 800-person workforce at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s, which has opened five investigations into Tesla, several of which concern life-threatening flaws with the car’s “self-driving” mode, including unexpected braking, loss of steering control, and crashes. Elon Musk is circumventing federal ethics laws to avoid filing the

public financial disclosures required of senior Administration officials, which further obscures the extent of his conflicts of interest.

This resolution of inquiry is simple. It would require the President to provide information about Musk's actual status within the federal government, any conflicts of interest Mr. Musk has related to his role in the federal government, and any federal contract involving a Musk-owned company or company on which he serves on the board of directors.

I did not introduce this resolution of inquiry lightly. In fact, Committee Democrats made numerous attempts to get this information before taking this step. We've sent 54 letters containing more than 400 requests. We've requested that Chairman Comer invite Mr. Musk to testify, and we even attempted to subpoena his appearance before this Committee to answer questions—an effort blocked by Committee Republicans who have always claimed to support transparency. At every attempt we have been rebuffed.

Given Mr. Musk's expansive influence in the Trump Administration, the American people have a right to know about his conflicts of interest. The American people have a right to know how the unelected billionaire bureaucrat taking a chainsaw to their government is enriching himself. The majority was gravely mistaken to vote against approving H. Res. 186.

GERALD E. CONNOLLY,
Ranking Member.

