

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

June 10, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Loeffler
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler:

We write again to follow up on two letters we sent to Acting Administrator Woodel, Jr. requesting information on reports that officials associated with Elon Musk and the so-called “Department of Government Efficiency” (DOGE) requested, and were granted, access to the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) systems. In our February 3, 2025 letter, we requested a response to our pressing inquiries by February 7, 2025. On February 11, 2025 - four days past the deadline – we received a response that reflected an attitude of indifference towards legitimate congressional oversight, and we followed up with a second letter requesting additional information. We have yet to receive a sufficient response to our oversight letters.

The House Small Business Committee (Committee) cannot conduct appropriate oversight if SBA continues to withhold the requested information. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you fully understand the importance of this request. To that end, we have provided a list of the questions and request for information from the two letters below. Please provide a detailed and thorough response by June 27, 2025.

- 1) Responses to our inquiries included in correspondence dated February 3, 2025. For your convenience, the questions that are awaiting a response are below.
 1. Are the reports accurate that Elon Musk and his team have had access to SBA’s systems? If so:
 - a. What are the names of the specific systems?
 - b. Who has asked to gain access to the systems and for what purpose?
 - c. Who granted access?
 - d. Have any of these requests been approved? Are any still under consideration?
 - e. What information was obtained and what is it being used for?

- f. Was there any breach of personal information?
2. The Executive Order directs each agency head to establish a DOGE team of at least four employees within each agency. Please provide a comprehensive list of all DOGE employees at SBA, as well as a specific list of every individual who has been granted access to the system since President Trump's inauguration.
 - a. Did they have appropriate clearances to protect sensitive information?
 - b. Please provide detailed information on how DOGE individuals complied with the Ethics in Government Act, which include specific financial disclosure and conflict of interest safeguards.
 - c. Are the DOGE employees internal or external hires?
 - d. What specific access has been granted, and what was the rationale for doing so? confirm that no individual outside the SBA has been granted access to the systems since President Trump's inauguration?
3. What safeguards are in place to ensure access to these systems are not abused?
 - a. What safeguards are in place to protect Americans' personal and private data?
 - b. What safeguards are in place to protect the integrity of the programs and ensure that no authorized service or payment is delayed or canceled?
 - c. Please detail the extent to which you complied with the Privacy Act of 1974, which prescribes how federal agency records are stored, accessed, used, and disclosed?
4. The EO titled "Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency'" reorganizes the U.S. Digital Service, to be led by an Administrator within DOGE who reports to the White House Chief of Staff. While we have seen reports that Elon Musk is leading this effort, we have seen no formal communications from the White House naming Elon Musk as Administrator. Please provide specific information as to who is the administrator at DOGE, and please list all of the vetting of the appointment that has taken place.
5. What role did you personally play in granting access to Mr. Musk or other individuals affiliated with him?
6. What procedures are in place for controlling and providing access to the system, and were these procedures followed in this case?

7. Were any SBA employees threatened with administrative leave or otherwise in order for access to be granted?
 8. Did President Trump, Mr. Musk, or anyone at the White House suggest making any threats to fire or place anyone on leave that objected to grant the access? If yes, who suggested it and when did they suggest it?
 9. Has the SBA threatened to remove or put any other career civil servants on administrative leave following President Trump's inauguration? Has anyone else in those offices left the SBA since then?
 10. Were additional unsecured servers set up after access was granted to the SBA's systems? If so:
 - a. What purpose do they serve and why were they necessary?
 - b. Please provide a list of anyone with access to these servers.
 - c. Have these servers undergone a Privacy Impact Assessment? If so, please provide detailed information.
 11. Please provide the legal authority under which the SBA granted access to systems to anyone associated with Mr. Musk or DOGE.
 12. Copies of all communications between associates of Mr. Musk or DOGE and the SBA related to accessing SBA's systems.
- 2) Does the SBA have possession of a memorandum of understanding between SBA and DOGE or any document detailing its planned actions under the Executive Order titled "Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency,'" as required by the E.O. 14158? Please transmit such documents to the Committee.
 - 3) How are conflicts of interest being vetted and reported regarding any individual being given access to SBA's data?
 - 4) Going forward, what steps will the SBA take to ensure the protection of small business data?
 - 5) Will you pledge to work with and immediately notify the Committee of further interactions and work with DOGE efforts?

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Small Business (Committee) has broad authority to investigate "problems of all types of small business." The Committee possesses jurisdiction over "assistance to and protection of small businesses."

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee's Democratic staff at (202) 225-4038.

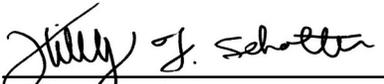
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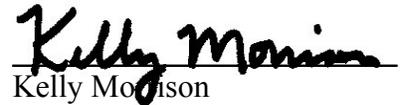
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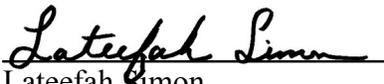
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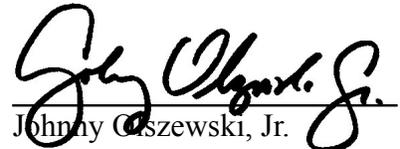
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