



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

June 18, 2025

Chairman Tom Cole
Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307
The Capitol

Dear Chairman Cole:

The Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency has been highlighting waste, fraud and abuse in federal programs, and working to support the efforts of the U.S. DOGE Service to reduce unnecessary and counterproductive spending, in order to address the Nation's \$36 trillion debt burden.

DOGE has identified unnecessary agencies and programs, helped reduce the swollen staffing rolls of federal agencies, and facilitated the termination of unnecessary federal contracts and property leases. This year, the DOGE subcommittee has held numerous hearings and heard from witnesses who testified on the necessity of the unprecedentedly swift cost-reduction actions taken by the Trump Administration since Inauguration Day.

While their work is essential in establishing cost cuts, Congress needs to do its part to ensure the measures taken by DOGE result in real cost-savings to taxpayers. How? First, by clawing back funds unnecessarily appropriated in the past. Second, by reducing appropriations levels going forward for those programs and activities DOGE has identified as wasteful or counterproductive.

That's why the Administration recently asked Congress to claw back more than \$9 billion in previously appropriated funding for foreign aid and public broadcasting. The DOGE Subcommittee held hearings this year highlighting wasteful, woke spending in both areas. The Administration should send Congress further rescissions requests, so we can lock in savings from other spending DOGE has exposed, including dollars appropriated for federal agency grants, contracts, leases and personnel.

Most importantly, the big savings opportunity is in appropriations going forward. We must reduce appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 and beyond. The American people have demanded that we no longer fund useless activities or activities that are contrary to the national interest. We must limit other spending to what is needed to carry out the core Constitutional and statutory functions of the Government.

That means no further funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the international development programs that aid and abet our foreign enemies, or for corrupt left-wing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and their radical agendas.

Indeed, the Administration's discretionary budget proposal for FY 26 provides no new funding for CPB/NPR/PBS. Additionally, it would dramatically reduce aid to left wing NGOs—who have been using federal funds to promote an agenda that undermines American interests, as discussed in our most recent Subcommittee hearing. For instance, the Administration's proposed budget would cut spending on “family planning services” that have funded abortions, and on other “Global Health Programs,” by a total of \$6.2 billion.

Within the Trump Administration, DOGE has blazed the trail toward operational efficiencies. It has helped agencies cut unneeded contracts and leases, and it has driven federal agencies to shrink swollen workforces by removing probationary employees; granting deferred resignations, early retirements and buyouts; and conducting Reductions in Force (RIFs). Several hundred thousand bureaucrats have left the Government or are slated to do so in the coming months. We should not backfill these positions. Appropriations going forward should reflect the reduced staffing levels in order to lock in lower spending levels for years to come across a host of agencies.

By locking these savings into his budget, the President would reduce non-defense discretionary budget authority by \$163 billion, or 23-percent below current spending. Resetting the baseline in this manner would save more than \$2 trillion over the next decade.

By following the lead of the President and DOGE, the Appropriations Committee can codify the hard work done by the Administration on behalf of the American people. Our Subcommittee has tried to illuminate for the public the waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars identified by DOGE. Now, we need the Appropriations Committee to do its job by writing into law the savings and deficit reduction that will result from ending the waste going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marjorie Taylor Greene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Marjorie Taylor Greene


Chairwoman

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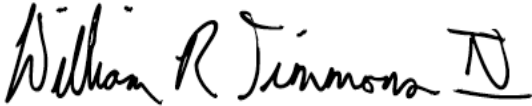
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cc: The Honorable Melanie Stansbury, Ranking Member
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