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**Subcommittee Hearing Statement of Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)**

***“Eliminating Security, Oversight, and Accountability: The Homegrown Threat Posed by Musk's DOGE”***

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My Republican colleagues are clearly obsessed with President Biden. They investigated him last Congress and turned up nothing. They tried to impeach him and turned up nothing. And now that he is out of office, they just can't get him out of their heads.

Perhaps it's because the Trump-Musk co-presidency and DOGE are unpopular. Musk and DOGE are so unpopular that my Republican colleagues are here today pretending that Joe Biden is still President so they have someone to beat up on for their failures.

But just in case my colleagues across the aisle don't get it, let me make it clear for you. Republicans are in charge here in the House. Republicans are in charge over in the Senate. Republican appointed Justices control the Supreme Court. And your “Orange Jesus” is in the White House.

Republicans on this Committee want to have a hearing to air their grievances about the Biden-Harris administration because under the Trump-Musk administration, planes have been crashing out of the sky, the price of eggs has skyrocketed, tens of thousands of Americans have lost their jobs, and Russia and China are celebrating.

If Republicans really want to combat waste, fraud and abuse, they should be laser focused on overseeing Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, which is a cheap knock-off of congressionally mandated watchdogs. Elon Musk's DOGE not only is redundant but also is a direct threat to homeland security. It must be stopped.

Because Elon Musk's DOGE illegally dismantled USAID, food is rotting in warehouses instead of feeding starving children overseas. That is waste. It also is a national security risk. *Why?* Because hungry nations won't be hungry for long. Our global adversary, China, will be right there to feed them, and China won't be there out of the goodness of their hearts.

Elon Musk laughed during a cabinet meeting as he described how DOGE accidentally cut Ebola funding, which is necessary to prevent the ravaging disease from becoming a pandemic and killing people here in the United States. Elon Musk froze homeland security grants that Congress authorized to help nonprofits prepare for a terrorist attack. Elon Musk's unvetted DOGE delinquents have accessed sensitive federal information and fed sensitive data into unsecure artificial intelligence software that China and Russia are sure to exploit.

Pursuant to a demand from President Trump, the CIA shared the names of every single person hired at the intelligence agency over the past two years. The message went to an unsecured email address at OPM—the same agency that was previously hacked by China.

At the same time, the Trump-Musk administration has fired thousands of federal employees—including veterans, people working in national security, and hundreds of DHS employees. Who does that benefit? It surely doesn't make the United States safer.

Russian and Chinese spies are targeting recently fired Federal workers with security clearances. And I can guarantee you that those foreign spies are targeting the young, inexperienced DOGE employees who have unfettered access to Federal systems and classified information.

The Trump-Musk administration has created a national security nightmare, and my Republican colleagues are sleepwalking right into it. Make no mistake, Elon Musk's DOGE is a homegrown threat, and it's time for the other side to *wake up!*

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