



TO: Interested Parties
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RE: Top Five Questions for Lawmakers in the Upcoming Congressional Recess

MEMO: Over Recess, Lawmakers Must Say Whether They Stand With the People or Billionaires

As they head into the first congressional recess of the second Trump era, lawmakers must answer to the American people about whether they are going to stand with the people or billionaires. As unelected billionaire Elon Musk makes reckless decisions that are hurting Americans across the country, congressional members must address the key issues surrounding the devastating Trump and Musk agenda and its effects on public health, education, data privacy, and the economy.

1. Will you support any cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare?

These essential programs serve millions of Americans, particularly seniors and low-income families. [Cutting these programs](#) would harm communities nationwide who depend on them for lifesaving support and would generate significant economic hardship. Cuts would make it harder for seniors to afford prescription drugs; remove assistance that helps people afford food, housing, and child care; and would cut jobs from service providers.

2. Do you support the Trump-Musk cuts to National Institutes of Health-funded medical research, including in our state?

The Trump administration's [cuts to the NIH](#) have already put critical medical research and lives at risk. Cuts to these programs could cause irreparable damage to ongoing research into cures and treatments for cancer, Alzheimer's, ALS, diabetes, and genetic diseases.

3. Will you withhold voting on budget reconciliation until there's accountability for the Musk and Trump agenda?

The Trump administration's harmful policies and Musk's outsized influence are hurting working people and businesses alike. Before decisions are made on federal funding, Trump and Musk must be held accountable for their overreach.

4. What steps will you take if the Trump administration starts defying lawful court orders?

Elon Musk and Vice President [JD Vance](#) have both openly challenged the courts' authority over Trump in recent days. No one is above the law, not even the president of the United States. When the Trump administration or its allies refuse to comply with lawful court orders, it threatens the integrity of our legal system.

5. What will you do to make sure Elon Musk and his associates do not have access to our personal data through any federal institution, including the Treasury Department and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?

As data privacy becomes an [increasing concern](#), Musk's influence raises questions about the protection of American citizens' personal information. Musk's access to sensitive government records jeopardizes the safety and security of the American public, compromises the integrity of the systems that maintain the data, and violates the federal Privacy Act of 1974.