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To our Nebraska Federal Delegation:

We write as a coalition of Nebraska State Senators to express our growing concern on behalf of our constituents about the role of Elon Musk in the current administration. As a temporary special government employee, Musk has gained unprecedented access to federal systems and is exercising significant influence over government agencies with little to no oversight. This raises serious ethical, security, and constitutional concerns that demand the attention of our federal delegation.

While we agree that government efficiency and reform are important and worthwhile priorities, we believe the current situation poses unacceptable risks and conflicts. Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which despite its name, is not a cabinet agency, has raised alarms across the political spectrum. As widely reported, Musk's influence has extended to key federal agencies and even classified materials, with his team gaining access to sensitive systems, including those overseeing trillions of taxpayer dollars. The consequences of allowing an unelected, unappointed, unconfirmed private citizen to exert this level of control over federal agencies are profound and troubling.

Musk, who is the wealthiest man in the world and the CEO of Tesla, SpaceX, and several other private companies, holds extensive financial interests that conflict with the very agencies he is now overseeing. Under current law, as a special government employee, Musk is technically prohibited from participating in decisions that directly affect his business interests. However, enforcement of these laws is at the discretion of the Justice

Department, which is not taking action under the current administration. Without robust oversight, Musk's ability to make decisions that could benefit his personal business interests is a clear conflict of interest.

Additionally, Musk's extraordinary financial influence, including \$288 million in contributions to candidates in the 2024 election, raises concerns about the potential for corruption. We must ask whether his donations to political campaigns, including significant contributions to the current administration, have paved the way for this unprecedented access.

The rapid consolidation of power by an unelected individual with no accountability is a matter of national security. Musk's access to classified information and control over sensitive government systems, including financial and international aid operations, could potentially endanger national security. The involvement of a private citizen in such critical matters, especially one with personal business stakes in related industries, raises serious constitutional questions about the separation of powers and the role of private actors in government affairs.

The American people deserve transparency and accountability, and it is crucial that our federal delegation stand against any potential corruption and call for investigations to discover any legal and ethical violations that may have occurred.

We urge you to take a strong stand in opposition to Musk's continued involvement in the federal government. While we recognize the need for government efficiency, we believe that it must be achieved through proper channels, with appropriate safeguards to prevent corruption, conflicts of interest, and security breaches. We encourage you to work with your colleagues across the aisle to ensure that the oversight of federal agencies remains within the bounds of constitutional law and accountability.

Regardless of who is President, and regardless of our personal politics, the American people deserve a government that operates with integrity, transparency, and accountability. We ask that you stand up against this unprecedented overreach and safeguard the values that make our democracy strong.

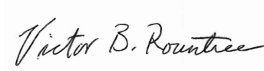
Sincerely,



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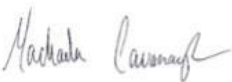
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