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NO. 25-5130

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In re U.S. DOGE Service, et al.,

Petitioners.

On Petition for a Writ of Mandamus to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Respondent's Motion for Summary Disposition in Response to the Supreme Court's June 6 Remand Order

Respondent Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully moves for summary disposition of this matter in light of the Supreme Court's order in *U.S. DOGE Service v. CREW*, No. 24-1246 (June 6, 2025), Doc. No. 2119852 (the "June 6 Remand Order"), which directed this Court to narrow specific portions of the district court's April 15, 2025 discovery order ("April 15 Discovery Order"), but left the remainder of discovery intact.

As reflected in the revised discovery requests attached to this motion, CREW has withdrawn those portions of its requests that the

June 6 Remand Order instructed this Court to "narrow"—i.e., those relating to "recommendations" of the U.S. DOGE Service ("DOGE").

June 6 Remand Order at 1. This makes the Court's sole task on remand straightforward. Because the merits are so clear as to justify summary action, the Court should summarily order the district court to narrow its April 15 Discovery Order to exclude CREW's now-withdrawn requests and otherwise deny the government's mandamus petition.

Doing so will conserve judicial and party resources and prevent further harm to CREW's informational rights by allowing the district court proceedings to resume after months of delay.

BACKGROUND

This case is back before the Court for the limited purpose of narrowing the district court's April 15 Discovery Order in accordance with the Supreme Court's June 6 Remand Order. The Supreme Court vacated this Court's May 14 Order unanimously denying DOGE's petition for a writ of mandamus, which sought to quash all discovery ordered by the district court under Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(d). June 6 Remand Order; see Doc. No. 2115720 at 1. The district court had authorized that discovery to resolve the fact-intensive question, raised by DOGE in its

motion for partial summary judgment, of whether DOGE wields substantial authority independent of the President and is therefore an "agency" under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and Federal Records Act. A4-A13.

The Supreme Court, like this Court and the district court, did not accept the government's assertion that discovery was *per se* improper in this case. Rather, it remanded with instructions for this Court to "narrow" those "portions" of the ordered discovery "that require the Government to disclose the content of intra-Executive Branch [DOGE] recommendations and whether those recommendations were followed," which the Supreme Court held were not "appropriately tailored." June 6 Remand Order; *see* Doc. No. 2115720; A4-A7.

Because those portions of CREW's discovery requests seeking information on DOGE's "recommendations" are easily identified and excised, CREW has withdrawn them, as reflected in the revised discovery requests attached to this motion. CREW now seeks a

¹ Attachment A is a "redline" version of CREW's discovery requests that reflects both modifications made in the April 15 Discovery Order and those discovery requests that CREW has withdrawn in light of the June 6 Remand Order, which are Interrogatory Nos. 6 and 7 and Requests for Admission Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. *See* A2-A28. Attachment B is a "clean"

summary disposition ordering the district court to narrow its April 15

Discovery Order by excluding the withdrawn discovery requests, so that discovery can proceed and the government's motion for partial summary judgment can be resolved without further delay.

ARGUMENT

Summary disposition is appropriate because the merits are "so clear" as to justify summary action. See Cascade Broadcasting Group,

Ltd. v. FCC, 822 F.2d 1172, 1174 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (per curiam);

Taxpayers Watchdog, Inc. v. Stanley, 819 F.2d 294, 297 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (per curiam).

I. The June 6 Remand Order concerns a discrete subset of discovery requests that can be easily identified and excised.

The Supreme Court's admonition against discovery that would disclose "the content of intra-Executive Branch [DOGE] recommendations and whether those recommendations were followed" is clear and easy to heed. June 6 Remand Order at 1. The discovery at issue consists of a handful of readily-identifiable requests seeking

copy of the revised discovery requests implementing the modifications reflected in Attachment A.

information on "recommendations." See A22, A24-A25 (Interrogatory Nos. 6 and 8, Request for Admission Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10). Simply withdrawing those requests, which CREW has done, see Attachments A & B, brings discovery in this case into compliance with the June 6 Order and resolves the sole issue on remand.

The Supreme Court could have identified for potential narrowing other categories of discovery requests to which the government objected. See, e.g., Appl. to Stay at 12-13, 21-22, 30, No. 24A1122 (objecting to deposition of DOGE's Acting Administrator and identification of DOGE personnel and federal databases to which they have access). It did not. Each of the ordered discovery requests seeking information on DOGE's recommendations has a parallel request seeking information on DOGE's directives, with which the Supreme Court took no issue. Compare A22, A24-A25 (Interrogatory Nos. 6 and 8, Requests for Admission Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 (discovery requests seeking information on recommendations)) with A22, A24 (Interrogatory Nos. 5 and 7, Requests for Admission Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, and 9 (discovery requests seeking information on directives)). The Supreme Court's singular focus

was on discovery regarding "recommendations." Its silence on the remainder was deliberate.

This straightforward reading also aligns with the Supreme Court's resolution of the government's arguments against discovery. The June 6 Order adopted only the government's argument that discovery on recommendations unnecessarily probes DOGE's power to persuade and implicates sensitive communications. See June 6 Order at 1; Appl. to Stay at 12-13, 17. Nothing in the June 6 Order requires this Court to give the government another bite at the apple to reassert arguments the Supreme Court did not endorse or to assert new arguments it failed to raise earlier. To be sure, the Court noted that "separation of powers concerns counsel judicial deference and restraint in the context of discovery regarding internal Executive Branch communications." June 6 Remand Order at 1. But that was merely one of two reasons the Court gave for barring discovery on DOGE's recommendations. See id. at 1-2. It was not an open invitation to trim other portions of discovery that the Court did not identify and chose not to discuss.

In any event, narrowing the discovery as CREW proposes would show ample "judicial deference and restraint" with respect to the

Executive's internal communications. Certainly no private litigant would be entitled to such accommodations and deferential treatment in the context of targeted discovery ordered under Rule 56(d). See Convertino v. Dep't of Just., 684 F.3d 93, 99 & n.12 (D.C. Cir. 2012) (Rule 56(d) motions "should be granted 'almost as a matter of course unless the non-moving party has not diligently pursued discovery of the evidence."); U.S. ex rel. Folliard v. Gov't Acquisitions, Inc., 764 F.3d 19, 31 (D.C. Cir. 2014) (district courts have "significant discretion" in ruling on Rule 56(d) motions).

Given the clarity of the June 6 Order, no meaningful dispute remains. The parties already have twice fully briefed the issues raised in the government's mandamus petition. The June 6 Remand Order significantly confines the issues in dispute by instructing this Court to narrow discovery related to "recommendations," and CREW has withdrawn that discovery altogether. Thus, summary disposition is warranted. See Cascade Broadcasting Group, 822 F.2d at 1174; Taxpayers Watchdog, 819 F.2d at 297.

II. Summary disposition will avoid further harm to CREW's informational rights.

Summary disposition of the government's mandamus petition would also avoid needless further delay, which has deprived CREW and the public of information that the district court determined was a matter of public urgency. On March 10, 2025, the district court awarded CREW preliminary injunctive relief compelling DOGE to immediately process a FOIA request for records that would help cut through what the district court called DOGE's "unusual secrecy" as it exercises "substantial authority over vast swathes of the federal government," and to prevent irreparable harm to CREW's informational rights as DOGE tears through the federal government with no oversight or public scrutiny. ADD008, ADD025, ADD030-ADD034.

The government did not appeal that preliminary injunction; instead, it deployed forfeited arguments to seek reconsideration and a stay until after resolution of its then-forthcoming motion for summary judgment on DOGE's agency status, which the government represented to the district court would be resolved with only "modest delay." Mot. for Recons. at 12, ECF No. 20-1. In response, the district court ruled that DOGE had to process CREW's FOIA request immediately but would not

be required to produce documents until after it resolves the government's motion for summary judgment. ADD051-ADD052. The Court repeatedly cautioned, however, that the arguments and evidence on which the government was relying, which contradicted the record, would lead to discovery if deployed on summary judgment. *See* ADD042-ADD043, ADD046-ADD047, ADD052.

Having temporarily averted public scrutiny of DOGE's structure and operations until after its motion for summary judgment is resolved, the government has sought to delay the effect of the preliminary injunction for as long as possible. At the district court, DOGE first appeared not to comply with the court's order to process CREW's FOIA request for eventual production, forcing the district court to issue an additional order to do so. Minute Order (Apr. 10, 2025) ("[T]he Court already held that [DOGE] is likely subject to FOIA . . . Thus, the Court ordered [DOGE] to begin processing records because 'if [DOGE] does not even begin processing the request until after the question of whether it is subject to FOIA is litigated on the merits, a decision in CREW's favor will likely be followed by additional processing delays.") (citations omitted). The government then filed its motion for summary judgment

evidence about which the district

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with the same dubious arguments and evidence about which the district court had cautioned it. *See generally* Defs.' Mot. for Summ. J. Mem., ECF No. 24-1. Rather than ensuring its promised "modest delay" by agreeing to the limited discovery necessary to resolve that motion, DOGE opposed discovery across the board. Mot. for Recons. at 12; *see generally* Defs.' Opp'n to Mot. for Expedited Disc., ECF No. 34.

When that failed and the district court ordered discovery, the government filed its mandamus petition relying principally on forfeited arguments and misapplications of the law that disregarded decades of Circuit precedent to again argue that no discovery was permissible.

Doc. No. 2115720 at 2. Again unsuccessful, the government repeated its arguments to the Supreme Court. See generally, Appl. to Stay.

The net result of this delay is that more than three months have elapsed since the district court issued its unappealed preliminary injunction and nearly as long has elapsed since the government filed the motion for summary judgment that has effectively frozen the relief promised by that injunction. Meanwhile, DOGE has provided no information to CREW or the public. Summary disposition will avert further prejudice to CREW, ensuring that discovery can finally get

underway and DOGE's pending summary judgment motion can be resolved.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, CREW respectfully requests that this Court issue an order narrowing the April 15 Discovery Order consistent with the revised discovery requests attached to this motion and otherwise denying the government's mandamus petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This Respondent's Motion for Summary Disposition in Response to the Supreme Court's June 6 Remand Order complies with the type-volume limit of Fed. Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(2)(A) because it contains 1,840 words. It also complies with the typeface and type-style requirements of Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(1)(E) and 32(a)(5) and (6) because it was prepared using word-processing software in Century Schoolbook 14-point font, a proportionally spaced typeface.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 18, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing Respondent's Motion for Summary Disposition in Response to the Supreme Court's June 6 Remand Order with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. Counsel in the case are registered CM/ECF users.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-511

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U.S. DOGE SERVICE, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S [PROPOSED] FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, 33, 34, and 36, and Local Civil Rule 26.2, Defendants U.S. DOGE Service and the Administrator of the U.S. DOGE Service are requested to answer and respond to the following interrogatories, requests for admission, and requests for production (collectively, the "Discovery Requests") propounded by undersigned counsel for Plaintiff Citizens of Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") separately and fully, in writing, under oath, to the best of your ability from knowledge you are able to obtain from any and all sources available to you, your agents, or your attorneys, and respond to these discovery requests as follows:

- Serve written responses and any objections to these Discovery Requests within 7 days of the Court's order granting discovery;
- Produce all responsive documents to Plaintiffs' request for production within 14 days of the Court's order granting discovery; and
- Complete all depositions within 10 days from the deadline for producing documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. These instructions and definitions apply to each of the Discovery Requests and should be construed to require answers based upon the knowledge of, and information available to, the responding party as well as its agents, representatives, and, unless privileged, attorneys.
- 2. It is intended that the following Discovery Requests will not solicit any information protected either by the attorney/client privilege or work product doctrine which was created or developed by counsel for the responding party after the date on which this litigation was commenced.
- 3. These Discovery Requests are continuing in character, so as to require that supplemental answers be filed if further or different information is obtained with respect to any request, and documents and tangible things sought by these requests that you obtain or discover after you serve your answers must be produced to counsel for Plaintiff by supplementary answers or productions.
- 4. No part of a Discovery Request should be left unanswered merely because an objection is interposed to another part of the request. If a partial or incomplete answer is provided, the responding party shall state that the answer is partial or incomplete.
- 5. With respect to document requests, requests extend to all documents in your possession, custody or control, or of anyone acting on your behalf. A document is in your possession, custody or control if it is in your physical custody or if it is in the physical custody of any other person and you:
 - a. own such document in whole or in part;
 - b. have a right, by contract, statute or otherwise, to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document on any terms;
 - c. have an understanding, express or implied, that you may use, inspect, examine or copy such document on any terms; or
 - d. have, as a practical matter, been able to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document when you sought to do so.
- 6. The documents produced in response to these requests shall be (i) organized and designated to correspond to the categories in these requests, or (ii) produced as they are maintained in the normal course of business.
- 7. If a document called for by these requests has been destroyed, lost, discarded, or otherwise disposed of, identify such document as completely as possible including, without limitation, the following information: author(s), recipient(s), sender(s), subject matter, date prepared or received, date of disposal, manner of disposal, reason for disposal, person(s) authorizing the disposal, person(s) having knowledge of the disposal and person(s) disposing of the document.

- 8. In the event that more than one copy of a document exists, produce every copy on which there appears any notation or marking of any sort not appearing on any other copy, or any copy containing attachments different from any other copy.
- 9. Produce all documents in their entirety, without abbreviation or redaction, including both front and back thereof and all attachments or other matters affixed thereto.
- 10. Pursuant to Rule 33(b)(2)(B), Rule 34(b)(2)(B), and Rule 36(a)(5), if you object to a request, the grounds for each objection must be stated with specificity. Also pursuant to Rule 33 and Rule 34, if you intended to produce copies of documents or of ESI instead of permitting inspection, you must so state.
- 11. Pursuant to Rule 33(b)(2)(B), Rule 34(b)(2)(C), and Rule 36(a)(5) an objection must state whether any responsive information or materials are being withheld on the basis of that objection.
- 12. Whenever in these requests you are asked to identify or produce a document which is deemed by you to be properly withheld from production for inspection or copying:
 - a. If you are withholding the document under claim of privilege (including, but not limited to, the work product doctrine), please provide the information set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). For electronically stored information, a privilege log (in searchable and sortable form, such as a spreadsheet, matrix, or table) generated by litigation review software, containing metadata fields that generally correspond to the above paragraph is permissible, provided that it also discloses whether transmitting, attached or subsidiary ("parent-child") documents exist and whether those documents have been produced or withheld.
 - b. If you are withholding the document for any reason other than an objection that it is beyond the scope of discovery, identify as to each document and, in addition to the information requested in paragraph 4.A, above, please state the reason for withholding the document. If you are withholding production on the basis that ESI is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost.
- 13. When a document contains both privileged and non-privileged material, the nonprivileged material must be disclosed to the fullest extent possible without thereby disclosing the privileged material. If a privilege is asserted with regard to part of the material contained in a document, the party claiming the privilege must clearly indicate the portions as to which the privilege is claimed. When a document has been redacted or altered in any fashion, identify as to each document the reason for the redaction or alteration, the date of the redaction or alteration, and the person performing the redaction or alteration. Any redaction must be clearly visible on the redacted document.
- 14. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5), where a claim of privilege is asserted in objecting to any interrogatory or request for admission or part thereof, and information is not provided on the basis of such assertion:

- a. In asserting the privilege, the responding party shall, in the objection to the interrogatory or request for admission, or part thereof, identify with specificity the nature of the privilege (including work product) that is being claimed.
- b. The following information should be provided in the objection, if known or reasonably available, unless divulging such information would cause disclosure of the allegedly privileged information:
 - i. For oral communications:
 - 1. the name of the person making the communication and the names of persons present while the communication was made, and, where not apparent, the relationship of the persons present to the person making the communication;
 - 2. the date and place of the communication; and
 - 3. the general subject matter of the communication.
 - ii. For documents:
 - 1. the type of document,
 - 2. the general subject matter of the document,
 - 3. the date of the document, and such other information as is sufficient to identify the document, including, where appropriate, the author, addressee, custodian, and any other recipient of the document and, where not apparent, the relationship of the author, addressee, custodian, and any other recipient to each other.
- 15. If, in answering these Discovery Requests, the responding party encounters any ambiguities when construing a question, instruction, or definition, the responding party's answer shall set forth the matter deemed ambiguous and the construction used in answering.
- 16. Nothing in these Discovery Requests should be construed to apply to the President of the United States or direct communications with the President.

DEFINITIONS

Notwithstanding any definition below, each word, term, or phrase used in these Discovery Requests is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1. *DOGE*: The term "DOGE" refers collectively to (1) Defendant United States DOGE Service, established by Executive Order 14158, "Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency," on January 20, 2025; (3) the U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization ("DOGE Temporary Organization") described in Executive Order 14158; and (3) any agent, unit, or component of the foregoing.

- 2. Administrator: The term "Administrator" means any person appointed to be the Administrator of the United States DOGE Service as established in Executive Order 14158, including any person appointed to that position on a temporary, interim, or acting basis.
- 3. Federal agency: The term "federal agency" refers to any entity of the United States government, whether executive, legislative, or judicial.
- 4. Communication: The term "communication" means the transmittal of information by any means.
- 5. Document: The terms "document" and "documents" are synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the term "items" in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a)(1) and include, but are not limited to, electronically stored information. The terms "writings," "recordings," and "photographs" are defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of those terms in Fed. R. Evid. 1001. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term "document." However, for purposes of these requests only, while the term "document" includes electronically stored information, it does not, unless the specific request indicates otherwise, include emails, text messages, or any similar electronically exchanged communication, except that documents should not be excluded from your response merely because they may be otherwise attached to such communications.
- 6. DOGE Team: The term "DOGE Team" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the term "DOGE Team" in Executive Order 14158.
- 7. Employee: The term "employee" means any person who is authorized to perform or actually performs work on behalf of any entity or agency-including, for the avoidance of doubt, DOGE-regardless of their formal employment classification, whether they are a detailee from another agency, or are providing services on a volunteer basis. The term includes any employee who is detailed or employed elsewhere, so long as that employee continues in any role in the agency in which they are an employee. The term also includes the actual or de facto leader of an entity or agency (e.g., the DOGE Administrator is an "employee" of DOGE).
- 8. Federal record: The term "federal record" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the term "record" in 44 U.S.C. § 3301.
- 9. *Identify (with respect to persons)*: When referring to a person, to "identify" means to state the person's full name, present or last known address, and, when referring to a natural person, the present or last known place of employment. If telephone numbers are known to the answering party, and if the person is not a party or present employee of a party, said telephone numbers shall be provided. Once a person has been identified in accordance with this subparagraph, only the name of the person need be listed in response to subsequent discovery requesting the identification of that person.
- 10. Identify (with respect to documents): When referring to documents, to "identify" means to state the: (i) type of document; (ii) general subject matter; (iii) date of the document;

- and, (iv) author(s), addressee(s), and recipient(s) or, alternatively, to produce the document.
- 11. Location: The term "location" means, for electronic documents and communications, the device, server, or medium on which those documents and communications are stored or maintained, as well as where any such device, server, or medium can be found. For documents in non-electronic form, the term "location" means where and in whose possession the documents can be found.
- 12. Person: The term "person" means any natural person or any business, legal or governmental entity or association, or their agents. Requests seeking the identification of a "person" seek the person's name.
- 13. Relating to: The term "relating to" means concerning, referring to, describing, evidencing, or constituting.
- 14. You/Your: The terms "You" or "Your" include the person(s) to whom these requests are addressed, and all of that person's agents, representatives, and attorneys.
- 15. The present tense includes the past and future tenses. The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular. "All" means "any and all;" "any" means "any and all." "Including" means "including but not limited to." "And" and "or" encompass both "and" and "or." Words in the masculine, feminine, or neuter form include each of the other genders.
- 16. If the requested documents are maintained in a file, the file folder is included in the request for production of those documents.

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANTS U.S. DOGE SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. DOGE SERVICE

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 1:</u> Identify all current and former employees of DOGE and members of DOGE Teams and, for each such person, the dates of their employment, their positions, whether they are paid, to whom they directly report, whether they are employed by DOGE, the DOGE Temporary Organization, or a federal agency, under whose authority they were hired or their volunteer services accepted, and whether they have independent access to DOGE office space in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Identify any current or former employees of DOGE who have been detailed to other federal agencies or have simultaneously been employees of DOGE and a federal agency, and, for each such employee, the agencies to which they have been detailed or by which they have simultaneously been employed, their positions and duties at those agencies, and any duties they have retained at DOGE during their detail or simultaneous employment.

RESPONSE:

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 3:</u> Identify each Administrator since January 20, 2025, the dates during which each person held that position, whether they interviewed for that position, with whom they interviewed, and who first informed them that they had been appointed to that position.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Identify all persons who oversee, supervise, or exercise authority over the conduct of DOGE employees, DOGE Teams, or any affiliates thereof, and how they do so, including any dedicated staff or systems to facilitate such oversight, any recurring reports that DOGE employees and DOGE Team members are required to submit, and any DOGE employees who are exempt from those systems or reports. As part of this response, identify all persons who have the authority to hire, terminate, or detail DOGE employees, or who have actually taken such actions, since January 20, 2025.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Identify each federal agency contract, grant, lease, or similar instrument that any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member directed federal agencies to cancel or rescind since January 20, 2025.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: Identify each federal agency contract, grant, lease, or similar instrument that any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member recommended that federal agencies cancel or rescind since January 20, 2025, and whether that recommendation was followed.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Identify each federal agency employee or position that any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member directed federal agencies to terminate or place on administrative leave since January 20, 2025.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: Identify each federal agency employee or position that any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member recommended federal agencies terminate or place on administrative leave since January 20, 2025 and whether that recommendation was followed.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: Identify each federal agency database or data management system to which, since January 20, 2025, any DOGE employee has attempted to gain, has planned to gain, or plans to gain access, and whether access was obtained.

Identify any of the following systems which, since January 20, 2025, any DOGE employee has attempted to gain, has planned to gain, or plans to gain access, and whether access was obtained: any system that stores classified information, requires a security clearance prior to access, or is housed in a sensitive compartmented information facility, 2) any system used to store non-public and non-anonymized information regarding individuals, including but not limited to any person's social security number, contact information, financial information, health information, employment or employment applications, criminal histories, immigration or citizenship status, tax information, or security clearances, 3) any system utilized to store information regarding criminal investigations, and 4) any system utilized to control or facilitate spending, including payment systems or human resources/capital management at any federal agency.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: Describe all instances in which any DOGE employee told an employee of a federal agency that the DOGE employee would or could call law enforcement in response to the other employee's conduct, including who made such statement, the federal agency and conduct of the federal agency employee at issue, the law enforcement entity referenced, and, if the law enforcement was called, who made the call and law enforcement's response.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: Identify whether any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member has used or presently uses non-official messaging systems or applications with auto-delete functionality, including but not limited to Signal, to conduct government business.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 12: Identify all persons who are or who have posted or authored posts to the @DOGE X account since January 20, 2025.

RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 13: For each Request for Admission served concurrently with these interrogatories, explain the basis for Defendants' response, including the basis of any partial or full denial, for any request not fully admitted.

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO DEFENDANTS U.S. DOGE SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. **DOGE SERVICE**

	SION NO. 1: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE employees cies to cancel contracts, grants, or leases.
Admit:	Deny:
REQUEST FOR ADMIS	SION NO. 2: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE employees
have recommended that fee	deral agencies cancel contracts, grants, or leases.
Admit:	Deny:
	SION NO. 3: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team leral agencies to cancel contracts, grants, or leases.
Admit:	Deny:
	SION NO. 4: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team ed that federal agencies cancel contracts, grants, or leases.
Admit:	
	SION NO. 5: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE employees ne employment status of employees of federal agencies.
Admit:	Deny:
	SION NO. 6: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE employees in the employment status of employees of federal agencies.
Admit:	
	SION NO. 7: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team anges in the employment status of employees of federal agencies.
Admit:	Deny:
REQUEST FOR ADMIS	SION NO. 8: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team
members have recommend agencies.	ed changes in the employment status of employees of federal
Admit:	Deny:
	SION NO. 9: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team leral agencies to keep open vacancies in career positions.
Admit:	Deny:

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: Admit that since January 20, 2025, DOGE Team
members have recommended that federal agencies keep open vacancies in career positions.
Admit: Deny:
REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: Admit that since January 20, 2025, the Office of
Management and Budget has apportioned over \$41 million to the "United States DOGE Service"
account.
Admit: Denv:

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANTS U.S. DOGE SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. DOGE SERVICE

REQUEST NO. 1: All Interagency Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding, from January 20, 2025 to the present, between DOGE and federal agencies.

<u>REQUEST NO. 2:</u> All Visitor Access Requests, from January 20, 2025 to the present, concerning any DOGE employee detailed to, otherwise working at, or accessing the offices of, federal agencies.

REQUEST NO. 3: All general terms and conditions invoices, commonly referred to as Ginvoices, concerning DOGE-related work performed from January 20, 2025 to the present.

REQUEST NO. 4: All timekeeping records for any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member reflecting DOGE-related work.

REQUEST NO. 5: All final directives, or announcements of final directives, from any DOGE employee to any DOGE Team or federal agency, including such directives or announcements made by electronic messages such as email, signal message, X direct message, or text message.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-511

Filed: 06/18/2025

U.S. DOGE SERVICE, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S [PROPOSED] FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, 33, 34, and 36, and Local Civil Rule 26.2, Defendants U.S. DOGE Service and the Administrator of the U.S. DOGE Service are requested to answer and respond to the following interrogatories, requests for admission, and requests for production (collectively, the "Discovery Requests") propounded by undersigned counsel for Plaintiff Citizens of Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") separately and fully, in writing, under oath, to the best of your ability from knowledge you are able to obtain from any and all sources available to you, your agents, or your attorneys, and respond to these discovery requests as follows:

- Serve written responses and any objections to these Discovery Requests within 7
 days of the Court's order granting discovery;
- Produce all responsive documents to Plaintiffs' request for production within 14 days of the Court's order granting discovery; and
- Complete all depositions within 10 days from the deadline for producing documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. These instructions and definitions apply to each of the Discovery Requests and should be construed to require answers based upon the knowledge of, and information available to, the responding party as well as its agents, representatives, and, unless privileged, attorneys.
- 2. It is intended that the following Discovery Requests will not solicit any information protected either by the attorney/client privilege or work product doctrine which was created or developed by counsel for the responding party after the date on which this litigation was commenced.
- 3. These Discovery Requests are continuing in character, so as to require that supplemental answers be filed if further or different information is obtained with respect to any request, and documents and tangible things sought by these requests that you obtain or discover after you serve your answers must be produced to counsel for Plaintiff by supplementary answers or productions.
- 4. No part of a Discovery Request should be left unanswered merely because an objection is interposed to another part of the request. If a partial or incomplete answer is provided, the responding party shall state that the answer is partial or incomplete.
- 5. With respect to document requests, requests extend to all documents in your possession, custody or control, or of anyone acting on your behalf. A document is in your possession, custody or control if it is in your physical custody or if it is in the physical custody of any other person and you:
 - a. own such document in whole or in part;
 - b. have a right, by contract, statute or otherwise, to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document on any terms;
 - c. have an understanding, express or implied, that you may use, inspect, examine or copy such document on any terms; or
 - d. have, as a practical matter, been able to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document when you sought to do so.
- 6. The documents produced in response to these requests shall be (i) organized and designated to correspond to the categories in these requests, or (ii) produced as they are maintained in the normal course of business.
- 7. If a document called for by these requests has been destroyed, lost, discarded, or otherwise disposed of, identify such document as completely as possible including, without limitation, the following information: author(s), recipient(s), sender(s), subject matter, date prepared or received, date of disposal, manner of disposal, reason for disposal, person(s) authorizing the disposal, person(s) having knowledge of the disposal and person(s) disposing of the document.

- 8. In the event that more than one copy of a document exists, produce every copy on which there appears any notation or marking of any sort not appearing on any other copy, or any copy containing attachments different from any other copy.
- 9. Produce all documents in their entirety, without abbreviation or redaction, including both front and back thereof and all attachments or other matters affixed thereto.
- 10. Pursuant to Rule 33(b)(2)(B), Rule 34(b)(2)(B), and Rule 36(a)(5), if you object to a request, the grounds for each objection must be stated with specificity. Also pursuant to Rule 33 and Rule 34, if you intended to produce copies of documents or of ESI instead of permitting inspection, you must so state.
- 11. Pursuant to Rule 33(b)(2)(B), Rule 34(b)(2)(C), and Rule 36(a)(5) an objection must state whether any responsive information or materials are being withheld on the basis of that objection.
- 12. Whenever in these requests you are asked to identify or produce a document which is deemed by you to be properly withheld from production for inspection or copying:
 - a. If you are withholding the document under claim of privilege (including, but not limited to, the work product doctrine), please provide the information set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). For electronically stored information, a privilege log (in searchable and sortable form, such as a spreadsheet, matrix, or table) generated by litigation review software, containing metadata fields that generally correspond to the above paragraph is permissible, provided that it also discloses whether transmitting, attached or subsidiary ("parent-child") documents exist and whether those documents have been produced or withheld.
 - b. If you are withholding the document for any reason other than an objection that it is beyond the scope of discovery, identify as to each document and, in addition to the information requested in paragraph 4.A, above, please state the reason for withholding the document. If you are withholding production on the basis that ESI is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost.
- 13. When a document contains both privileged and non-privileged material, the non-privileged material must be disclosed to the fullest extent possible without thereby disclosing the privileged material. If a privilege is asserted with regard to part of the material contained in a document, the party claiming the privilege must clearly indicate the portions as to which the privilege is claimed. When a document has been redacted or altered in any fashion, identify as to each document the reason for the redaction or alteration, the date of the redaction or alteration, and the person performing the redaction or alteration. Any redaction must be clearly visible on the redacted document.
- 14. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5), where a claim of privilege is asserted in objecting to any interrogatory or request for admission or part thereof, and information is not provided on the basis of such assertion:

- a. In asserting the privilege, the responding party shall, in the objection to the interrogatory or request for admission, or part thereof, identify with specificity the nature of the privilege (including work product) that is being claimed.
- b. The following information should be provided in the objection, if known or reasonably available, unless divulging such information would cause disclosure of the allegedly privileged information:
 - i. For oral communications:
 - 1. the name of the person making the communication and the names of persons present while the communication was made, and, where not apparent, the relationship of the persons present to the person making the communication;

- 2. the date and place of the communication; and
- 3. the general subject matter of the communication.
- ii. For documents:
 - 1. the type of document,
 - 2. the general subject matter of the document,
 - 3. the date of the document, and such other information as is sufficient to identify the document, including, where appropriate, the author, addressee, custodian, and any other recipient of the document and, where not apparent, the relationship of the author, addressee, custodian, and any other recipient to each other.
- 15. If, in answering these Discovery Requests, the responding party encounters any ambiguities when construing a question, instruction, or definition, the responding party's answer shall set forth the matter deemed ambiguous and the construction used in answering.
- 16. Nothing in these Discovery Requests should be construed to apply to the President of the United States or direct communications with the President.

DEFINITIONS

Notwithstanding any definition below, each word, term, or phrase used in these Discovery Requests is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1. *DOGE*: The term "DOGE" refers collectively to (1) Defendant United States DOGE Service, established by Executive Order 14158, "Establishing and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency," on January 20, 2025; (3) the U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization ("DOGE Temporary Organization") described in Executive Order 14158; and (3) any agent, unit, or component of the foregoing.

- 2. Administrator: The term "Administrator" means any person appointed to be the Administrator of the United States DOGE Service as established in Executive Order 14158, including any person appointed to that position on a temporary, interim, or acting basis.
- 3. *Federal agency*: The term "federal agency" refers to any entity of the United States government, whether executive, legislative, or judicial.
- 4. *Communication:* The term "communication" means the transmittal of information by any means.
- 5. Document: The terms "document" and "documents" are synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the term "items" in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a)(1) and include, but are not limited to, electronically stored information. The terms "writings," "recordings," and "photographs" are defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of those terms in Fed. R. Evid. 1001. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term "document." However, for purposes of these requests only, while the term "document" includes electronically stored information, it does not, unless the specific request indicates otherwise, include emails, text messages, or any similar electronically exchanged communication, except that documents should not be excluded from your response merely because they may be otherwise attached to such communications.
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- 7. *Employee*: The term "employee" means any person who is authorized to perform or actually performs work on behalf of any entity or agency–including, for the avoidance of doubt, DOGE–regardless of their formal employment classification, whether they are a detailee from another agency, or are providing services on a volunteer basis. The term includes any employee who is detailed or employed elsewhere, so long as that employee continues in any role in the agency in which they are an employee. The term also includes the actual or de facto leader of an entity or agency (e.g., the DOGE Administrator is an "employee" of DOGE).
- 8. Federal record: The term "federal record" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the term "record" in 44 U.S.C. § 3301.
- 9. *Identify* (with respect to persons): When referring to a person, to "identify" means to state the person's full name, present or last known address, and, when referring to a natural person, the present or last known place of employment. If telephone numbers are known to the answering party, and if the person is not a party or present employee of a party, said telephone numbers shall be provided. Once a person has been identified in accordance with this subparagraph, only the name of the person need be listed in response to subsequent discovery requesting the identification of that person.
- 10. *Identify (with respect to documents):* When referring to documents, to "identify" means to state the: (i) type of document; (ii) general subject matter; (iii) date of the document;

- 11. *Location*: The term "location" means, for electronic documents and communications, the device, server, or medium on which those documents and communications are stored or maintained, as well as where any such device, server, or medium can be found. For documents in non-electronic form, the term "location" means where and in whose possession the documents can be found.
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- 16. If the requested documents are maintained in a file, the file folder is included in the request for production of those documents.

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RESPONSE:

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RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

[STRUCK BY DISTRICT COURT]

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 4:</u> Identify all persons who oversee, supervise, or exercise authority over the conduct of DOGE employees, DOGE Teams, or any affiliates thereof, and how they do so, including any dedicated staff or systems to facilitate such oversight, any recurring reports that DOGE employees and DOGE Team members are required to submit, and any DOGE employees who are exempt from those systems or reports. As part of this response, identify all persons who have the authority to hire, terminate, or detail DOGE employees, or who have actually taken such actions, since January 20, 2025.

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RESPONSE:

INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

[WITHDRAWN]

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Identify each federal agency employee or position that any DOGE employee or DOGE Team member directed federal agencies to terminate or place on administrative leave since January 20, 2025.

RESPONSE:

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[WITHDRAWN]

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RESPONSE:

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RESPONSE:

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Admit:	Deny:
REQUEST FOR ADMISS	ION NO. 10:

[WITHDRAWN]

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Admit:	Deny:	

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[STRUCK BY DISTRICT COURT]

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[ORAL ARGUMENT NOT SCHEDULED]

NO. 25-5130

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In re U.S. DOGE Service, et al.,

Petitioners.

On Petition for a Writ of Mandamus to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Respondent Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington's Corporate Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26.1 and Circuit Rule 26.1, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") certifies that it has no parent company and that no publicly held corporation has a 10% or greater ownership interest in it.

Dated: June 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 18, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. Counsel in the case are registered CM/ECF users.

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