

DOGE Oversight Congressman Criticizes 'Incredibly Corrupt' Federal Spending

Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have been taking heat for dramatic cuts in the federal government. President Trump is fully backing Musk's efforts.

As uncertainty grows across Washington, a group of lawmakers is working together on DOGE's efforts to cut wasteful spending. Some GOP lawmakers are calling for a more cautious approach to cut wasteful spending. But Congressman Tim Burchett tells CBN News that fast action is crucial.

Burchett, a Tennessee Republican, sits on the newly formed DOGE subcommittee. He says it's important to make sure legislation around wasteful spending is passed quickly so Trump's executive orders will stick in the future, ultimately saving billions for taxpayers.

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As Musk aggressively works to reduce the federal workforce, he's doubling down on his ultimatum to federal workers to explain their accomplishments or be fired. For the moment, federal workers are getting some reprieve from his recent email job performance mandate.

"We're trying to find out if people are working and so we're sending a letter to people, 'please tell us what you did last week,'" Trump told reporters, Monday.

Some federal workers are stuck in limbo, as some lawmakers are making a public plea to Musk on their behalf. "If I could say one thing to Elon Musk, it's like, please put a dose of

compassion in this. These are real people,” said Sen. John Curtis (R-Utah).

However, Rep. Burchett wants DOGE to have long-term success.

He describes the current state of wasteful spending in Washington as “incredibly corrupt.”

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During their first hearing, the DOGE subcommittee talked to witnesses who shared plans to improve payment systems and decrease fraud. According to the subcommittee, billions of tax-payer dollars were lost to improper payments.

“It was just seven years ago, and our budget was around \$4.5 trillion,” Burchett said. “We’re now spending over \$7 trillion, and it’s just ballooned and it will never stop.”

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