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# DOGE TAKES REAL ACTION TO CURB GOVERNMENT WASTE

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## PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS TWO EXECUTIVE ORDERS ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (DOGE)

### PRESIDENT TRUMP EMPOWERS DOGE SO AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS PUT AMERICANS FIRST

- ★ An [executive order](#) signed by President Trump, “Establishing and Implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency,’” tasks DOGE with “modernizing federal technology and software to maximize government efficiency and productivity.”
- ★ Another [executive order](#) signed by President Trump, “Implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Cost Efficiency Initiative,” tasks DOGE with improving transparency and eliminating wasteful use of taxpayer dollars.
- ★ DOGE has assigned technology, law, and management professionals throughout federal executive agencies to identify and recommend reductions in bureaucratic waste.

### DOGE’S WORK WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

- ★ Thus far, [DOGE has saved](#) taxpayers \$140 billion through a combination of selling unneeded assets, canceling contracts, leases, and grants, intercepting fraudulent payments, reducing interest payments, making programmatic changes, reforming regulations, and reducing the workforce. These savings amount to \$869.57 per taxpayer.
- ★ DOGE has uncovered numerous instances of pernicious federal grants and contracts, including an almost \$400,000 [Department of Agriculture](#) program to educate queer, trans, and BIPOC urban farmers and consumers about “food justice” and “values-aligned markets.”
- ★ DOGE has also made common-sense regulatory reforms to reduce fraud. This includes protecting senior citizens by prohibiting the Social Security Administration from changing seniors bank account information over the phone—a policy associated with roughly 40% of fraud that occurred at the agency.

### AS THE FEDERAL DEBT EXPLODES, DOGE’S WORK IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

- ★ The U.S. federal [government’s debt](#) stands at more than \$36 trillion—more than \$107 thousand per U.S. citizen. Even worse, as a percent of GDP, the federal debt is projected to surpass 106% [in just four years](#). That previous record was set during the aftermath of World War II.
- ★ Absent dramatic cuts to the federal budget, the federal government will eventually be forced by creditors to cut funding for critical functions and social services, including Social Security, Medicare, and the military.

**THESE POLICIES, CHAMPIONED BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, WILL ELIMINATE GOVERNMENT WASTE AND ARE STEP ONE TOWARD GETTING OUR FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER!**

