

Senate Report Accuses Elon Musk Crimes Of Using DOGE To ‘Evade Oversight, Derail Investigations, And Make Litigation Disappear Whenever He Chooses’

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A new Senate report claims [Elon Musk](#) may be using his position atop a little-known federal entity to wipe out billions in legal troubles for his companies.

[The report](#), released by Senate Democrats on April 27, accuses Elon Musk of leveraging his control of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to weaken oversight and shut down investigations into [Tesla](#), SpaceX, Neuralink, The Boring Company, and xAI.

According to the memo, Musk’s firms were facing at least [65 federal regulatory](#) or enforcement actions as of Jan. 20, Inauguration Day.

The Senate subcommittee estimates those actions carried a potential liability of \$2.37 billion.

“The through line connecting many of Mr. Musk’s decisions appears to be self-enrichment and avoiding what he perceives as obstacles to advancing his interests,” the [memo says](#).

“Mr. Musk’s position may allow him to evade oversight, derail investigations, and make litigation disappear whenever he so chooses—on his terms and at his command.”

DOGE’s Reach and Influence

President **Donald Trump** appointed Musk to lead [DOGE](#) shortly after taking office.

The entity has [aggressively slashed budgets](#), canceled grants and contracts, and [cut federal staff](#), including inspectors general and regulators tied to ongoing probes of Musk’s companies.

DOGE operates from within the Executive Office of the President but is not formally authorized by Congress.

The Senate report claims Musk has made no attempt to separate his public role from his private empire.

Instead, he has reportedly used his influence to install allies across key agencies and access sensitive federal data.

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Billions in Liability Potentially Erased

Among the key liabilities potentially neutralized:

- **\$1.19 billion** from a Department of Justice investigation into allegedly false statements about Tesla's Autopilot and Full Self-Driving technology.
- **\$281 million** for Neuralink's alleged misrepresentations about the safety of its brain implants.
- **\$46.1 million** related to a discrimination case against SpaceX that was dropped days after Trump took office.
- **\$633,009** in FAA penalties over rocket launch violations.
- **\$713,114** in OSHA fines across Musk-owned firms.

In one example in the memo, Musk reportedly accessed the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's systems, then posted "CFPB RIP" with a gravestone emoji.

That same day, the agency's X account was deleted.

CFPB RIP 

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [February 7, 2025](#)

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White House Pushback and Senate Demands

The White House has denied any wrongdoing.

Next Steps in the Investigation

Blumenthal has sent letters to all five Musk-led companies requesting information about ongoing or past investigations and their internal handling of conflicts related to DOGE. Responses are due by May 11.

If these claims hold up under deeper scrutiny, Musk's role may represent one of the most serious conflicts of interest in modern U.S. political history.