



# TRUMP AND NOEM HAVE BEEN DISMANTLING HOMELAND SECURITY SINCE THEY TOOK OFFICE

FACT SHEET: REPUBLICANS SHUT DOWN TSA, FEMA, COAST GUARD, AND CISA

Since his first day in office, President Trump has been dismantling federal agencies that protect the American people. The Republican shutdown has furthered what the Trump administration has been working toward all along: starving the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Coast Guard, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the resources needed to keep us safe.

Let's revisit how President Trump started shutting down these Department of Homeland Security agencies over the last year.

## **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**

- Last March, the Trump Administration tried to revoke 50,000 TSA workers' collective bargaining rights, weakening worker protections and violating their freedom to organize. When this attempt was rejected by the courts, the Administration tried again – and ended up in court again. Today, the Trump Administration's union-busting efforts remain mired in the courts.
- In October, lame-duck DHS Secretary Kristi Noem tried to illegally force airports across the country to play [taxpayer-funded partisan propaganda](#) videos on a loop, further politicizing airport security, while wasting taxpayer dollars on yet another advertisement starring...herself.
- TSA pay and working conditions have strained the workforce. Instead of addressing these and other systemic issues, Republican-caused shutdowns have forced hundreds of employees to quit, take up a second job, or work weeks without pay.

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- Both President Trump and Homeland Security Secretary Noem [proposed eliminating FEMA](#), which is on its fourth acting administrator in the 14 months of the Trump Administration.
- And in May 2025, when FEMA's Acting Administrator Cameron Hamilton came before the Homeland Security Appropriations subcommittee and defended the existence of the agency he oversaw, he was [summarily dismissed the following day](#).
- In a decision later [struck down by the courts](#), the administration [eliminated billions of dollars in FEMA grants](#) intended to help communities better withstand disasters, and Republicans did nothing to stop them.
- President Trump and Secretary Noem also stalled and slow-walked FEMA grants for projects that keep us safe, like the Homeland Security Grant Program, Nonprofit Security Grants, Port Security Grants, Public Transportation Security Assistance, and more.
- Over [180 FEMA employees warned](#) that Trump administration changes are undermining disaster response and leave communities across the country vulnerable to natural disasters.

- President Trump unceremoniously canceled billions in Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding that helped states and localities invest in lifesaving, cost-effective projects to support communities prepare for disaster.
- More than one-third of FEMA's full-time staff have [departed the agency](#), leading to the loss of irreplaceable institutional knowledge.

## ***U.S. Coast Guard***

- The U.S. Coast Guard has not been shielded from President Trump and Republicans' chaos and destruction. The Trump administration has [diverted Coast Guard resources](#) to immigration enforcement rather than traditional operations, including search-and-rescue operations.
- By shifting mission priorities based on the political whims of the President, the workforce has been strained, and lifesaving efforts have been deprioritized.
- During the government shutdown last fall, Secretary Noem even took \$200 million from the Coast Guard budget to buy two new top-of-the-line luxury Gulfstream-700 private jets for her own personal use.
- Revised long-standing workplace harassment policies and referred to swastikas and nooses as "potentially divisive" rather than unequivocally banned, before reversing course after public outcry.
- The men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard deserve stability and a commitment to their core mission, not a President and Secretary who use them as political pawns.

## ***Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)***

- The Trump Administration has been trying to defund CISA, which leads the national effort to understand, manage, and reduce risk to the cyber and physical infrastructure Americans rely on – since they took office. Last year, the President's budget request proposed a \$495 million cut to the agency.
- The Trump Administration [gutted CISA's election security support to states](#), leaving our elections more vulnerable to cyberattacks and foreign influence campaigns.
- The president's war on the federal workforce last year drove [close to 1,000 seasoned employees](#) out of CISA, roughly one-third of their overall staff.
- The Trump Administration has fostered inconsistent leadership within CISA – and as of last month [let go the latest Acting Director](#) - putting aside significant concerns with an agency head who had allegedly failed polygraphs and [uploaded sensitive information into ChatGPT](#).

Republicans have been silent in the face of this destruction. Now, all of a sudden, they are claiming to be ardent defenders of the TSA, disaster assistance, the U.S. Coast Guard, and efforts to strengthen cybersecurity. It is nothing more than political theater.

Ranking Member DeLauro has [introduced](#) a proposal to guarantee these agencies can operate and filed a [discharge petition](#) to bring it up for a vote. Any Member who believes these workers should be paid must sign on and vote for this bill.

A summary of Ranking Member DeLauro's bill can be found [here](#).

The full text of Ranking Member DeLauro's bill can be found [here](#).