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The outline submitted to Congress is not a budget. It is an all-out assault on our nation's families, small businesses, and communities in every part of the country.

Instead of tackling the cost-of-living crisis, President Trump's 2026 budget request will make it worse. The Trump Administration is attacking education, housing, cancer research, and investments in the middle class to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. We need the government to fight for the middle class, the working class, and the vulnerable. The government envisioned by President Trump and Elon Musk only serves billionaires and the biggest corporations.

In total, according to their own numbers, the Trump-Musk outline of a budget would cut domestic investments by \$163 billion, or 23 percent. However, until they show their math and provide additional detail, we do not know the full scope of the reduction. It could be far worse, up to a cut of \$227 billion, or almost 35 percent. Republicans have proposed this while trying to cut as much as \$880 billion from Medicaid to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, [slash Social Security](#), and [freezing more than \\$400 billion](#) owed to the American people. The Trump-Musk budget would:

Raise the Cost of Living and Harm the Economy

- Increase energy costs for families and businesses by zeroing out the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, turning off the heat and air conditioning and raising costs for 6 million households across the country, and cutting \$20 billion from the Department of Energy's science and energy programs, including a 74 percent cut to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
- Evict hundreds of thousands of seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities already on fixed incomes, and would force homeless shelters to halt operations at a time when more than 771,000 people are experiencing homelessness across America.
- Eliminate the sole federal affordable housing construction program for working families that leverages \$5 in public and private investment for every \$1 in federal investment to produce 45,000 units of affordable rental and homeownership housing each year and would force states and private investors to walk away from critical housing and economic development projects.
- Decimate public education, including eliminating need-based financial aid for 1.7 million students by eliminating Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG); eliminate Federal Work Study opportunities for more than 500,000 students who need it to help finance a postsecondary education, limiting their potential earnings and future success in the job market; and eliminate vital academic services for more than 5 million English learners through the elimination of English Language Acquisition.

- Eliminate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, forcing more than a thousand mayors and governors relying on the reinvestment of taxpayer dollars to walk away from critical street, water, and sewer improvements and services for youth and seniors, undoing promises made to their constituents to improve and keep their communities thriving.
- Eliminate funding for the Economic Development Administration, an agency that helps create jobs, especially in rural areas.
- Eliminate Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Program, ending support for direct, reliable, and safe financial services in low- and moderate-income communities.
- Gut funding for job training programs for hundreds of thousands of dislocated workers, youth, and older workers, including the complete elimination of Job Corps.
- Grind American discovery and innovation to a halt and surrender our technological edge and economic future to global competitors eager to fill the void we leave behind by slashing \$6.3 billion from NASA and \$5.1 billion National Science Foundation.
- Undermine vital water infrastructure, flood protection, and ecosystem restoration by slashing the Army Corps of Engineers by 23 percent and cutting \$600 million from the Bureau of Reclamation. These cuts hurt communities, risk public safety, and stall economic growth.
- Cut IRS Enforcement by \$2.5 billion, making it easier for the millionaire and billionaire tax cheats to evade paying their fair share, costing American taxpayers billions per year.
- Eliminate nearly half of the Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Development Programs, including eliminating support for Women's Business Centers and cutting by nearly half assistance services for veteran-owned small businesses.
- Halt essential flights to rural and small communities – from Alabama, to Iowa, Kentucky, and Kansas – while forcing airlines to foot the bill of the federal government and raise the costs of travel for everyday Americans.
- Stall the economic development needs of distressed communities in regions throughout the country by eliminating all but one of the regional commissions. President Trump wants to slash the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$186 million, 93 percent.
- Eliminate all arts and humanities funding for states and local communities by closing the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Cripple the National Park Service with a \$1.2 billion or 36 percent cut, shifting the management burden onto states.
- Remove postsecondary opportunities for 870,000 students and adult learners by eliminating the TRIO program and make 570,000 middle and high school students less prepared for college by eliminating the GEAR UP program.

- Rob more than 1 million adults of the chance to become literate and gain skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency by eliminating the Adult Education program.

Make Communities Less Healthy and More Vulnerable to Deadly Diseases

- Slash biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health by 40 percent, taking away lifesaving biomedical research to develop cures and treatments for cancer, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, and other diseases affecting millions of American families.
- Eviscerate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by eliminating dozens of life-saving public health programs, including HIV/AIDS prevention, tobacco prevention, asthma prevention, lead poisoning prevention, diabetes prevention, heart disease and stroke prevention, cancer prevention, maternal health and safety, emergency preparedness grants to States, global health assistance, and dozens of others.
- Slash more than \$1 billion for substance use prevention and treatment programs at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), sabotaging recent progress in addressing the opioid crisis.
- Eliminate the Title X Family Planning program—a cut of nearly \$300 million—which would take away access to contraception and preventive health services, including cancer screenings and screenings for sexually transmitted infections, for more than 2.6 million low-income or uninsured women and men.
- Harm maternal health by cutting funding for HRSA's Maternal and Child Health programs by nearly \$300 million—including elimination of the Healthy Start program—and by eliminating CDC's Safe Motherhood and Infant Health program, which supports Maternal Mortality Review Committees to identify and review pregnancy-related deaths to prevent future tragedies, and reducing funding for HHS's Office on Women's Health.
- Hurt millions of people at home and abroad who face hunger by slashing \$425 million from the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and eliminating the Food for Peace and McGovern-Dole programs. This also harms the American farmers who will no longer see the profits from producing this urgently needed food.
- Harm public health by decimating funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by 55 percent, crippling the agency's ability to perform rigorous scientific research and eliminating its ability to understand new and emerging contaminants like PFAS.
- Sabotage access to health coverage for tens of millions of seniors and families with children who receive health insurance coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program by cutting the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service's (CMS) operating budget by nearly \$700 million, despite CMS's operating budget being underfunded for more than a decade due to Republican opposition.

- Worsen America's water safety and quality by slashing the EPA's Clean Water and Drinking Water State funds by nearly 90 percent, meaning thousands fewer water infrastructure projects across the country.
- Increase Americans' exposure to harmful air pollutants by eliminating air pollution control programs.
- Decimate HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment for hundreds of thousands of HIV patients, including by eliminating funding for HHS's Ending HIV Epidemic Initiative, eliminating funding for CDC's Domestic HIV/AIDS prevention, and slashing funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program.

Make Americans and Allies Less Safe

- Eviscerate public safety, including slashing efforts to fight gun violence and international drug trafficking by making a \$468 million cut to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and a \$212 million cut to the Drug Enforcement Administration; eliminating thousands of FBI positions, including intelligence analysts who work to keep Americans safe, by cutting the FBI's budget by \$545 million; and eliminating more than \$1 billion in grants to prevent hate crimes, protect civil rights, provide restorative justice, reduce mass incarcerations and create safe spaces for LGBTQ+ victims of crime.
- Leave communities across the country more vulnerable to deadly storms by cutting weather satellite funding and severely hindering weather forecast capabilities.
- Desert state and local communities by cutting Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) non-disaster federal assistance programs, such as Nonprofit Security Grants and Urban Area Security Initiative grants, by 20 percent.
- Endanger individuals and communities by eliminating billions of dollars to combat climate change.
- Create a slush fund for the President while abandoning our partners and allies around the world with an 84 percent cut to diplomats and development experts working to solve global challenges such as hunger, clean water, and conflict resolution.
- Cut educational and cultural exchanges by 93 percent which would lead to almost 14,000 fewer American students having the opportunity to study abroad next year and 372,000 American jobs lost due to reduced people-to-people exchanges.
- Severely cut development resources to the poorest countries, depriving 3.9 million people globally of access to clean water and 2.3 million of sanitation services, increasing death from water-borne diseases like cholera and diarrhea. Twenty-six million fewer children would have access to basic literacy skills overseas.
- Slash International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement activities by over \$1.2 billion will put at risk global programs critical to combating transnational crime, terrorism, trafficking and other illicit enterprises, as well as severely impacting counter-drug activities, which in turn will increase the flow of crime and drugs to the United States.

- Decrease support for basic needs, such as food, shelter, and health, for those affected and displaced by conflict and disasters, with a decrease of more than a \$4.7 billion, and prioritize responses politically instead of as an expression of the goodwill of the American people.
- Abandon our trust and treaty obligations to Native Americans, making tribal communities less safe by cutting the Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement by 19 percent, and harming tribal economies by eliminating the Indian Loan Guarantee program for tribal business development.
- Empowers China and Russia to attack our cyber security and critical infrastructure with a nearly 20 percent cut to CISA.