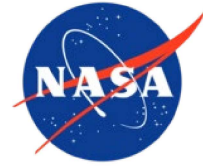


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March 12, 2025

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

This letter is in response to your February 21, 2025, follow-up inquiry regarding the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), an element of the Executive Office of the President, and access by DOGE-associated persons to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) resources.

NASA will comply with all applicable Executive Orders (EO) and associated supplemental guidance including EO 14158: *Establishing and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency,"* issued on January 29, 2025, and EO 14129: *Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department on Government Efficiency."* EO 14129 includes some specific responsibilities that DOGE-associated persons will have at each agency.

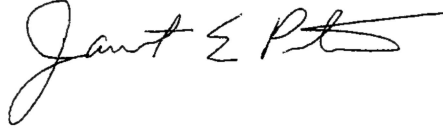
NASA currently has DOGE-associated persons working at the Agency as civil servants. DOGE-associated persons will serve in an advisory role to NASA senior leadership and will be aligned to the Office of the Administrator, reporting directly to me. None serve in a position that requires classified access. NASA expects all employees, contractors, and partners to comply with Federal laws, Executive guidance, and long-established human resources, security, and ethics processes, including any mandatory training.

NASA has a detailed process whereby multiple NASA offices work together to identify, verify, and grant the appropriate level of physical and logical access to NASA employees, contractors, and partners needed to perform their missions. This includes determining the appropriate level of access to physical facilities as well as access to NASA information technology resources. This process is governed by Agency policies as well as adherence to Executive guidance and Federal laws.

Regarding potential conflicts-of-interest, NASA does not have a separate vetting process for DOGE employees. The United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) sets strict requirements to ensure ethical conduct across Federal agencies. NASA faithfully implements these requirements, applying them to all employees. All Federal employees working with NASA, to include DOGE activities, must comply with OGE requirements.

To protect a fair and open acquisition process, all NASA employees, contractors, and partners are also required to abide by Federal laws, regulations, Executive guidance, and Agency policies. This includes adhering to all laws and regulations regarding the protection of confidential information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet E. Petro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Janet E Petro
Administrator (Acting)

cc:

The Honorable Brian Babin, Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
The Honorable Mike Haridopolos, Chairman, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
The Honorable Rich McCormick, Chairman, Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight
The Honorable Valerie Foushee, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
The Honorable Emilia Sykes, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight