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Attorney General Brown and Coalition Stops Elon Musk and DOGE from Accessing Americans' Private Information and Cutting Federal Funds Through the Treasury

BALTIMORE, MD (February 23, 2025) –A federal court has [granted a motion](#) filed by a coalition of attorneys general, including Attorney General Brown, for a preliminary injunction to stop Elon Musk and employees of his so-called “Department of Government Efficiency” (DOGE) from having unauthorized access to Americans’ private information:

“Giving a private citizen unauthorized access to our nation’s central banking system endangers sensitive information that the State relies on in providing crucial services for Marylanders,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “I am happy that this preliminary injunction is in place so that we can put a stop to this reckless risk to our State and the people it serves.”

On February 7, Attorney General Brown joined a coalition of 18 other attorneys general in [filing a lawsuit](#) against the Trump administration to stop the unauthorized access to Americans’ private information. The lawsuit asserts that the Trump administration illegally provided Elon Musk and DOGE unauthorized access to the Treasury Department’s central payment system, and therefore to individual Americans’ and states’ sensitive information, including social security numbers and bank account information.

On the morning of February 8, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York granted the coalition’s motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO) blocking the Trump administration from granting DOGE access to Americans’ most sensitive personal information and ordering them to immediately destroy any and all copies of records they had already obtained.

On Friday, February 22, Judge Jeannette Vargas of the Southern District of New York [granted the coalition’s motion for a preliminary injunction](#), barring the government from allowing unauthorized government employees like Elon Musk and DOGE to access the Treasury’s central payment system while the coalition’s lawsuit proceeds.

Joining Attorney General Brown in this lawsuit are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai’i, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

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