

Congressional Recess: A Toolkit



APRIL TOWN HALL ACTIONS AND EVENTS

Website: deptofpeoplewhowork.org

HASHTAGS: #WorkersOverBillionaires #DPWL #PeopleWhoWork

Photos (upload): [Upload files on Canto](#)

Photos: View, find and download [from Canto](#)

Capsule (record and upload your video): workerstory.capsule.video

Questions? Email campaigns@aflcio.org

[Welcome Message to the Labor Fight Back 2025 Campaign](#)

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Take Action

MAKE A CALL

[Call campaign: Tell Congress to restore federal bargaining right now](#) (Protect America's Workforce Act)

[Call campaign: Tell Congress to stop Trump's federal union-busting](#)

HOST OR ATTEND AN EVENT

[Register your event: April congressional recess action tracker form](#)

- [Guide to creating Mobilize events](#)

- [Find an action near you: mobilize.us/aflcio](https://mobilize.us/aflcio)

Resources

- [Share Your Story form](#)
- [Letter to the editor template](#)
- [Issue fact sheets](#)
 - [AFGE Strong toolkit](#)
 - [DPWL, AFL-CIO recess fact sheets](#)
 - [AFL-CIO press statements](#)

April Recess Top Lines

- Americans from all walks of life are being hurt by Elon Musk and Donald Trump's reckless actions to silence our voices and destroy our freedoms.
- As we approach 100 days of the Trump administration, working people are demanding answers. Instead of listening to working people, Trump and Musk launched a barrage of attacks that are slashing hundreds of thousands of union jobs, ripping up union contracts, cutting critical services we rely on and dismantling the fundamental freedom to organize for a better life.
- Working people won't be silent in the face of these threats. These are our jobs, our contracts, our communities and our unions at risk.
- That's why the [Department of People Who Work for a Living](#) is mobilizing across the country, holding hearings, rallies, protests, town halls and more to make sure all working people are aware of the stakes and can join the fight to make government work for people who work for a living.
- We're demanding real solutions to improve the lives of workers and our families. Solutions like the Protect America's Workforce Act, bipartisan legislation that restores the right of federal workers to collectively bargain. We're demanding no cuts to lifesaving programs like Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security, which working people rely on. We won't stand for attacks on the freedom to join and form unions.
- Our collective voice is our power. When working people stand together, there's nothing we can't accomplish. Our power will be on display in our local communities and in every part of our country in the coming days and months to fight back against the billionaires who are trying to control our lives and enrich themselves at our expense.

Sample social posts

President Trump trying to eliminate the collective bargaining rights of hundreds of thousands of federal workers is blatant union-busting. Call your representative and tell them to support the Protect America's Workforce Act! 📞 844-896-5059

https://act.aflcio.org/call_campaigns/restore-federal-bargaining-rights-now/

To everyone who cares about the fundamental freedom of all workers, now is the time to be even louder. Call Congress and tell them to support the Protect America's Workforce Act to reverse Trump's union-busting executive order!

https://act.aflcio.org/call_campaigns/restore-federal-bargaining-rights-now/

Every worker should be able to go home safe and healthy at the end of their shift. The Trump administration gutting the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health will have devastating effects on workers' lives. It is a gift to corporations that want to slash worker protections to create more profits.

https://act.aflcio.org/call_campaigns/call-reverse-gutting-of-core-worker-safety-agency-niosh/

DOGE is gutting the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the agency that conducts job safety research. This is a gift to corporations that want to slash worker protections to create more profits. Call Congress and demand they save NIOSH!

https://act.aflcio.org/call_campaigns/call-reverse-gutting-of-core-worker-safety-agency-niosh/

The president's recent executive order gutting collective bargaining rights for federal workers is union-busting. If he can do this to federal workers with the stroke of a pen, he can do it to every worker in America.

Trump's executive order gutting collective bargaining rights for federal workers is about billionaires trying to destroy what the labor movement has fought for generations to build. We will fight this attack on our members.

We need every American who cares about the fundamental freedom to join a union to make their voice heard. Call your member of Congress and tell them to speak out and take action to stop Trump's executive order targeting workers' right to join a union.

The @DeptOfWorkers is fighting to make sure the federal government works for working people, not greedy billionaires. <https://deptofpeoplehowork.org/>

We're joining @DeptOfWorkers for a week of action to hold @ElonMusk and @DOGE accountable for their reckless cuts to essential programs. What do we do when unaccountable billionaires violate our workplace rights? Stand up and fight back!

Are you a federal worker who has been affected by @DOGE? Have federal programs that you and your community rely on been cut? We want to hear your story:

<https://act.aflcio.org/forms/share-your-worker-story?source=web-dpw!>

In [insert location here], working people rallied with @DeptOfWorkers to stand up for federal workers and hold @ElonMusk and @DOGE accountable for gutting the essential government services we all rely on. [Post your photos here]

We're here in [insert location here] to tell @ElonMusk and @DOGE that they will not gut the vital programs we need and fire federal workers without a fight. We stand with workers, not greedy billionaires.

I STAND WITH WORKERS, NOT BILLIONAIRES



Flyers

- [Worksite Flyers](#)
- [Guide to Working Families Toolkit](#)
- [Tell Your Story Flyer](#)

TELL CONGRESS:

**DO YOUR JOB and
DEFEND WORKERS' RIGHTS**

Elon Musk and his so-called "department" are wreaking havoc on vital programs across the government, politicizing the workforce and violating the rights of federal employees. These attacks must be stopped and federal workers must have their rights respected.

Workers Deserve Due Process.
Federal employees have civil service protections and collectively bargained rights that are protected by law. Elon Musk and Donald Trump cannot fire federal workers, who provide services families depend on, without due process.

Elon Musk Cannot Eliminate Agencies.
Congress passed legislation creating and funding departments and agencies like the Department of Labor, Department of Education and USAID. Musk and Trump cannot gut or eliminate agencies without the consent of Congress.

Congress Must Do Its Job.
Congress must stand up for workers and do its job, rather than standing by while Musk and Trump wreck the federal programs people rely on, like Social Security and Medicare, and destroy the federal workforce.

**CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT 844-332-8460
AND TELL THEM TO DEFEND WORKERS**

TELL CONGRESS:

**DO YOUR JOB and
PROTECT OUR DATA**

Elon Musk and his so-called "department" tech bros are wreaking havoc throughout the government and putting millions of Americans' confidential data at risk.

The federal government has personal data on millions of Americans, including Social Security numbers and tax returns. Musk and Donald Trump are giving unknown recent high school and college kids access to all our personal information, risking our confidential data!

Musk's DOGE is Trying to Access Your Data. You're Right to be Paranoid.
-The Washington Post, 3/12/25

Musk, DOGE Accused of Compromising Privacy, National Security
-Vox.com 2/20/25

Musk's DOGE Agents Access Sensitive Government Personnel Data, Washington Post Reports
-Reuters, 2/20/25

Congress must stop Musk and Trump from violating data privacy laws and putting our confidential data at risk.

**CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT 844-332-8460
AND TELL THEM TO PROTECT OUR CONFIDENTIAL DATA**

**Help Working People,
NOT BILLIONAIRES**

**Trump Helped
Anti-Union CEOs Violate
Workers' Rights.**

Trump Disbanded an Elite Unit Prosecuting Ultra-Rich Criminals.

Trump Shutting Down Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Skyrocketing Egg Prices Leave Restaurants Scrambling. 'It's Like the Stock Market.'

World Inflation at Risk of
Rekindling with Trump's Trade War
Kuoyong News, 2/6/25

Amazon and Elon Musk's SpaceX Challenge Labor Agency's Constitutionality in Federal Court

**CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT 844-332-8460 AND
TELL THEM TO STAND UP FOR WORKERS, NOT BILLIONAIRES**

**DO YOUR JOB and
PROTECT WORKERS**

Trump Shut Down Key Labor Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Trump and Elon Musk are Putting Our Confidential Data at Risk.

**Trump and Musk
are Violating the Rights
of Federal Workers.**

**CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT 844-332-8460
AND TELL THEM TO PROTECT WORKING PEOPLE**

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Postcards

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 **A MESSAGE FROM THE**
DEPARTMENT OF
PEOPLE WHO WORK
FOR A LIVING

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Dear _____

I work for a living and this is my message to you:

ATTACH POSTAGE (\$56) HERE

Fight for working people and against policies that favor billionaires over our communities.

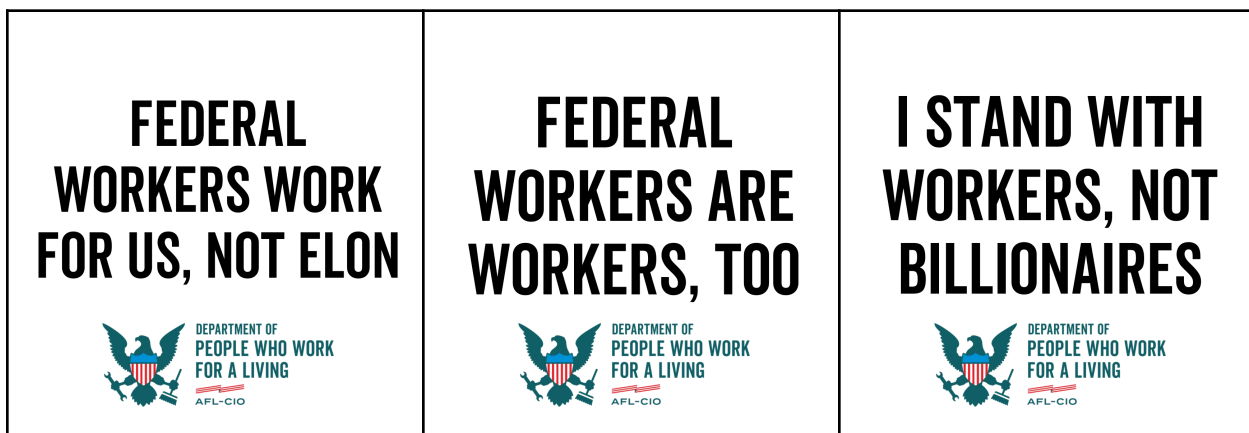
Graphics

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