



# Treasury Department

## Timeline of Attacks

For a more detailed timeline of attacks on Treasury payment systems and suspended federal spending, [see here](#).

- **January 20, 2025:** President Trump [issued](#) an executive order halting disbursement of foreign aid.
- **January 24, 2025:** Treasury Chief of Staff Dan Katz emailed senior officials [directing them](#) to grant DOGE access to payment systems in order to freeze US Agency for International Development (USAID) payments. Acting Treasury Secretary David Lebryk declined, stating “I don’t believe we have the legal authority to stop an authorized payment certified by an agency.”
- **January 25, 2025:** DOGE Agent Tom Krause [responded](#) to Lebryk insisting that DOGE be granted access, stating “I think this deserves serious consideration as well. I believe we can all feel more comfortable that we hold payment at least to review the underlying payment requests from U.S.A.I.D. now so that we can be given time to consult State.”
- **January 31, 2025:** Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent [authorized](#) Krause and his team to access the payment systems.
- **February 4, 2025:** The Treasury [wrote a letter](#) to Congress claiming that Krause and his team would have “read-only access,” and the review was not “resulting in the suspension or rejection of any payment instructions submitted to Treasury by other federal agencies across the government.”
- **February 4, 2025:** DOGE agent Marco Elez had administrator-level privileges at Treasury, which [include](#) “the ability not just to read but to write code on two of the most sensitive systems in the U.S. government: the Payment Automation Manager and Secure Payment System at the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS).”
- **February 11, 2025:** In an [affidavit](#), Krause said that he is “responsible, among other duties, for reducing and eliminating improper and fraudulent payments; waste, fraud, and abuse; and improving the accuracy of financial reporting.” According to Krause, his work included “ensuring that the Treasury DOGE Team was leveraging its unique technological expertise to help operationalize the president’s policy priorities for the early days of the administration, including by helping identify payments that may be improper under his new executive orders.”
- **March 13, 2025:** A federal judge [ruled](#) that thousands of terminated federal employees should be reinstated, including those at the Treasury Department.
- **May 28, 2025:** A federal judge [ended](#) restrictions that prevented DOGE staffers from accessing the Treasury’s sensitive data systems. The ruling [modified](#) a preliminary injunction, stating that DOGE staffers who have undergone proper training and vetting could be given access to the sensitive information.



- **December 16, 2025:** Treasury CIO and DOGE staffer Sam Corcos **approved** \$1.5 million for ChatGPT licenses and **issued** coding tests to evaluate hundreds of IRS IT staff's "technical proficiency."

## Impacts on Capacity

In addition to cuts to the IRS, the Treasury Department instituted cuts to the Bureau of Fiscal Service (BFS), with a union representative **estimating** that layoffs would eliminate up to 25% of its 3,300 employees. The layoffs would result in "outsourcing the work at the bureau's Servicing of Savings Bonds, Debt Cross-Servicing Program and Paper Check Printing and Ancillary Services offices."

## Material Harms

As a result of DOGE's raid on the Treasury, DOGE agents were able to access people's sensitive personal information, including social security numbers, bank account information, and more. In one instance, DOGE staffer Marko Elez **violated** Treasury data security practices when he emailed a spreadsheet containing personally identifiable information to officials in a different agency. Granting access to Treasury payment systems also **opened the door** for DOGE to arbitrarily impound congressionally appropriated funds.

The staffing cuts at BFS could have severe ramifications for Parkersburg, West Virginia where BFS employs 2,200 people. A Republican state legislator representing parts of Parkersburg **said** that BFS cuts would "devastate" the city's economy.

## Notable Names

### *Ousted Leadership*

- **David Lebryk:** After **refusing** to give in to DOGE's request to take over the Treasury's payment system, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Treasury David Lebryk was forced out of the government. Lebryk first **joined** the Treasury Department as a civil servant in 1989.

### *DOGE Agents*

- Tom Krause
- Marko Elez
- Linda Whitridge
- Samuel Corcos
- Todd Newman
- Ryan Wunderly
- Aram Moghaddass