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ELON'S EMAIL DEMAND IS BEING MET WITH 'VERY RUDE' FLOOD OF SPAM

After Musk told federal employees to list five accomplishments or be fired, internet users are encouraging people to flood the email with spam

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Elon Musk speaks during CPAC on Feb. 20, 2025.

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President Donald **Trump** has let tech billionaire **Elon Musk** run rampant through government agencies, instituting mass firings and structurally destabilizing teams in the Federal Aviation Association, the Forest Service, and the Department of Veteran Affairs, among others.

Musk's latest attempt to gut the federal workforce through the so-called **Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)** isn't going so

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well — and it has left his detractors desperate to make his life harder by sending spam emails.

On Saturday afternoon, Musk **tweeted** that he would be requiring all federal employees to reply to an email with a rundown of their accomplishments for the week. “Consistent with President @realDonaldTrump’s instructions, all federal employees will shortly receive an email requesting to understand what they got done last week,” he wrote on X (formerly Twitter). “Failure to respond will be taken as a resignation.” The actual email that ended up in employees’ inboxes differed slightly, reading: “Please reply to this email with approx. 5 bullets of what you accomplished last week and cc: your manager. Please do not send any classified information, links, or attachments. Deadline is Monday at 11:59pmEST.”

Trump praised Musk’s efforts during a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday, claiming without evidence that the request would weed out fraud in the system. “There was a lot of genius in sending it,” Trump **said**. “We’re trying to find out if people are working, and so we’re sending a letter to people: Please tell us what you did last week. If people don’t respond, it’s very possible that there is no such person or they’re not working.”

Rolling Stone obtained a copy of the email sent by HR at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). But after the email was leaked on X, anti-Musk posters began encouraging non-government employees to also send their answers to Elon — with a majority taking hard and profanity-laced aim at Musk.

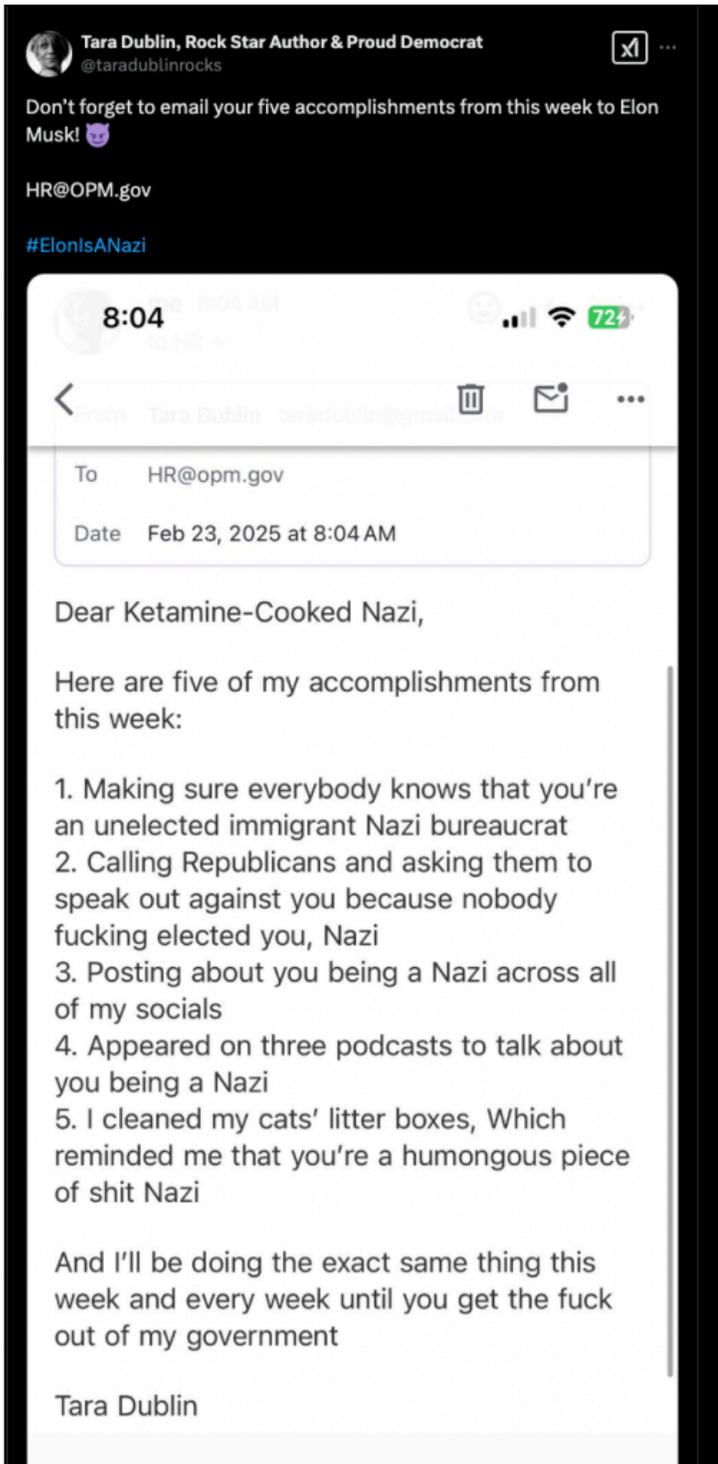
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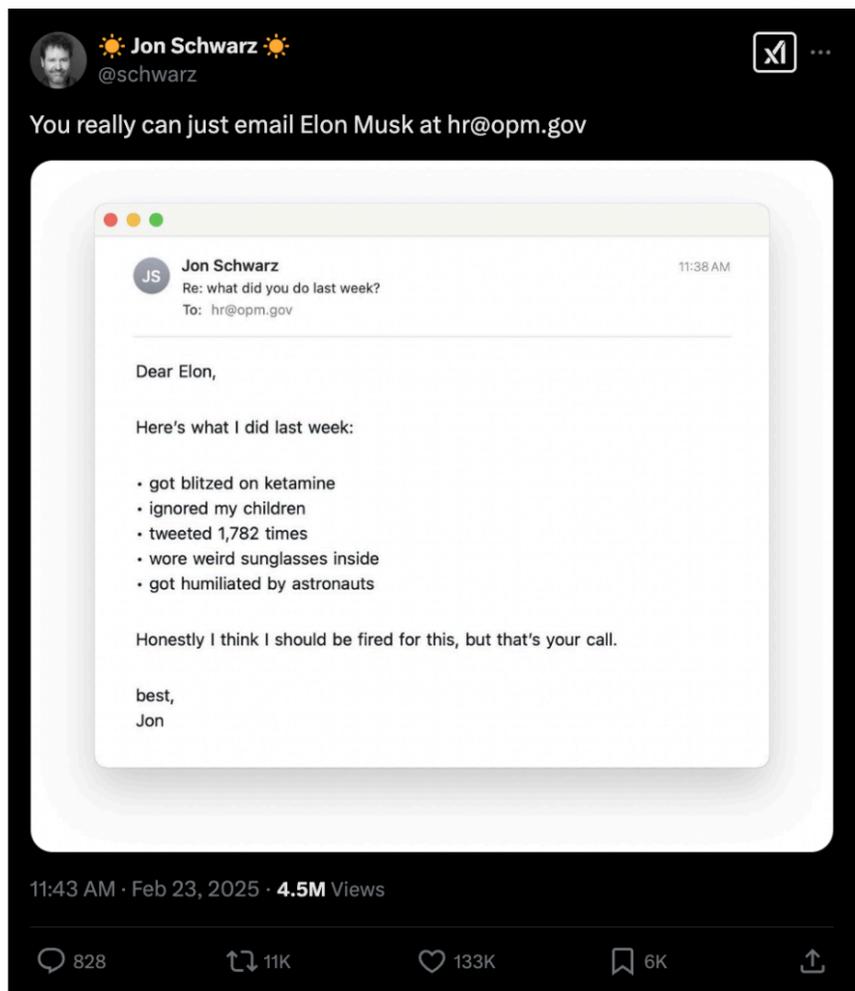
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Online, people participating in the trend have both sent their own versions of emails, or drafted different examples they would send if they were federal employees. But they're not the only ones. Two sources familiar with the matter, including a Trump administration official, tell *Rolling Stone* that the replies to the recent Musk OPM email have been flooded with pranks and, in the words of the Trump official, “very rude” emails listing fake, vulgar “accomplishments,” and even sending links to graphic images of sex and scatological content.

It's unclear what decisions will be made based on the responses to Musk. On Monday afternoon, OPM informed agency leaders that responding to the email was “voluntary,” according to [The Hill](#). But the trend that is emerging is highlighting an ongoing disdain for Musk's policies, constant spreading of misinformation, and clear and present desire for people to think he's cool. Let's hope he doesn't have good email filters. 🗨️

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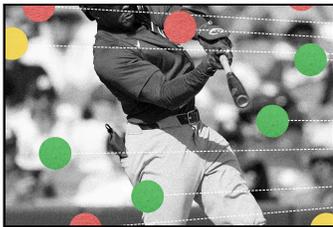
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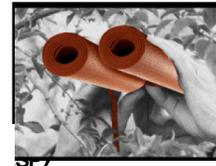
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