## Email to DOGE Caucus 5/8/2025

To: DOGE Caucus Mailbox (US House of Representative)

Re: DOGE may have received intentionally misleading information on Corps' loan program

Dear DOGE Caucus Members:

I focus on federal infrastructure loan programs, especially WIFIA and its extension, the Corp's loan program, CWIFP.

CWIFP was intended to facilitate financing for *locally* funded cost-shares in major USACE and BoL water management projects, thereby *reducing* federal outlays. However, CWIFP's primary purpose was effectively curtailed by the imposition of erroneous FCRA budgeting criteria by OMB. The FCRA criteria are manifestly incorrect and, as such, apparently the result of a bureaucratic private agenda.

It was widely reported that many of the cuts proposed in the 2026 Budget Summary were identified by DOGE. To the extent that (1) CWIFP was identified by DOGE for elimination, and (2) that DOGE relied on information provided by OMB in this process, it is possible that DOGE was intentionally given misleading information by the same bureaucrat(s) responsible for the agenda-driven FCRA criteria.

- Here's an InRecap post which addresses the Budget Summary's criticisms of CWIFP and discusses possible origin: Responses to Criticism of CWIFP in 2026 Budget Request: One-Pager
- This recently published op/ed describes the likelihood of bureaucratic overreach: <u>Commentary</u>
  WIFIA FCRA Criteria: Poster Child of Bureaucratic Overreach

Both for the actual value that CWIFP may provide and as a matter of general principle, DOGE's mission should not be subverted or manipulated with the same 'deep state' tricks that have damaged too much, for too long in the federal government.

I'm sure you would agree. For that reason, I'd respectfully ask Caucus Members to make the relevant inquires at DOGE and ensure that correct information about CWIFP is being used by both the White House and Congress in budget deliberations.

Best regards,

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