

Trump and Musk sued in U.S. for unconstitutionality of cuts

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Washington, February 14 (RHC)-- The onslaught by U.S. President Donald Trump and his ally Elon Musk to cut public spending in the United States is facing no small amount of criticism and lawsuits.

At least 14 states filed complaints on Thursday against Musk, his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and against Trump, arguing that the tech billionaire's extensive efforts for these cuts are unconstitutional.

The coalition of states, led by New Mexico Attorney General Raul Torrez, maintains in the complaint that Musk's extensive role as head of DOGE violates the Appointments Clause of the Constitution, given that he was not confirmed by the Senate.

Filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., the lawsuit draws attention to the magnitude and scale of Musk's power. The legal documents point out that DOGE is leading the Trump administration's efforts to drastically reduce the federal workforce, dismantle entire agencies and access confidential data.

"Mr. Musk's seemingly unlimited and unchecked power to strip the government of its workforce and eliminate entire departments with a stroke of a pen or a click of a mouse would have been shocking to those who won this country's independence," they wrote.

Just on Tuesday, Trump gave more power to his ally and DOGE through an executive order he signed at the White House. During a press conference, Musk ignored the criticism and explained the cutback plan.

For some analysts, the billionaire could also face a conflict of interest, because six of his companies are under investigation, complaints or have been the subject of regulatory measures by 11 federal agencies, on which he is now acting to reduce staff.

Trump's unbridled use of executive power is beginning to sound alarm bells. There are those who believe that the president is openly defying the Constitution, taking power that the presidency does not have.

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