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ELON MUSK & REP. BRYAN STEIL: HANDS OFF OUR HEALTHCARE

Constituents Gather Outside Rep. Bryan Steil's St. Francis Office to Demand He Stand Up to Elon Musk's Efforts to Gut Medicare, Medicaid, and other Healthcare programs

ST FRANCIS—Working Families Power, Opportunity Wisconsin, and Raices Acción will hold a press event with constituents outside Rep. Steil's office to bring attention to Elon Musk's attempts to cut Medicare benefits.

Since Donald Trump's inauguration, Donald Trump and Elon Musk have led unprecedented efforts to slash benefits that millions of working people rely on. They've shut down Medicaid portals, stopped funding for early childhood education, and now, reporting indicates that Trump granted Elon Musk access to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services in an attempt to cut Medicare.

WHO: Working Families Power, Opportunity Wisconsin, Raices Acción, advocates, and WI-01 constituents
WHAT: Constituents demanding that Rep. Steil stands up to Elon Musk's attempts to cut our Medicare and other programs that working people need
WHEN: Wednesday, February 19 at 2 pm
WHERE: Rep. Steil's In-district Office at the St. Francis Civic Center (3400 E Howard Ave, St Francis, WI 53235)

BACKGROUND:

 An order from the Office of Management and Budget ordering a freeze to federal funding caused mass chaos and confusion, leading to <u>Medicaid portals being shut</u> <u>down</u>. Despite a <u>federal judge's injunction</u> that the spending freeze be halted, programs like Head Start have <u>been cut off from funding</u>.

- Elon Musk's DOGE associates have been given access to <u>USAID</u>, <u>the United</u> <u>States Treasury</u>, <u>the Department of Education</u>, and other federal departments in an attempt to carry out drastic cuts.
- Elon Musk's associates now have <u>access to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid</u> <u>Services</u> and are looking to cut those programs.