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DOGE dead? No. Just evolving. Hooray!

Since its beginning in 2016, Blueprint 2025 has advocated a basic change in the way our government operates. Government processes must be digitalized so that decisions can be data driven and AI assisted, outcomes can be reliably predicted, effects can be monitored to allow continuous fine tuning and adjustment and the sharing of data among all agencies promotes effective coordination and accelerated innovation.

China's experience with the use of AI to enable data-driven government decision-making confirms this necessity. By leveraging AI, China has streamlined its governance processes, enabling predictive analytics, real-time decision-making, and efficient resource allocation. This approach has allowed China to expedite infrastructure projects, improve public services, and maintain a competitive edge in global innovation. We need to do the same in order to keep up.

Against this background, we were highly pleased with President Trump's January 20th Executive Order establishing DOGE and ordering changes to integrate AI driven analytics into agency processes. We thought the Order was well formulated, appropriately framed the relationship between the DOGE and the agencies it was to assist and appropriately emphasized the role of technology in assisting the transformation which the Order sought to achieve.

Unfortunately, however, this all changed when the Musk led "DOGE" team showed up at the agencies. As reported in the media, these teams were less focused on assisting in installation of new AI technologies than on the demolition of offices and the downsizing of staffs. That led to push-back. Our comments became very unfavorable, Mr. Musk left Washington, and the media coverage of DOGE has gotten relatively quiet.

Happily, however, DOGE is not dead. It has just gone back to its original roots—supporting Agency Heads and Agency DOGE teams with technical advice and assistance, coordinating programs among agencies and otherwise carrying out its assigned functions under the order. Just as importantly, the emphasis on AI throughout the Administration has been heightened by the orders President signed on July 10th and *America's AI Action Plan* which accompanied those orders.

In short, though there will be important challenges in DOGE's mission to integrate digitalization and AI into government functions and processes – assuring transparency, fairness and responsiveness to public concerns, effective integration into permitting and similar government processes and general rationalization of the law/government interface—DOGE seems to be back on track and stronger than ever.

We applaud that development and will continue to support it.

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