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# Pete Hegseth rips former Fox News colleague and calls out 'fake news' for her sharing of factual information

Hegseth has asked for more than \$130,000 to repair a government-furnished home, \$49,000 of which is for an 'emergency' paint job

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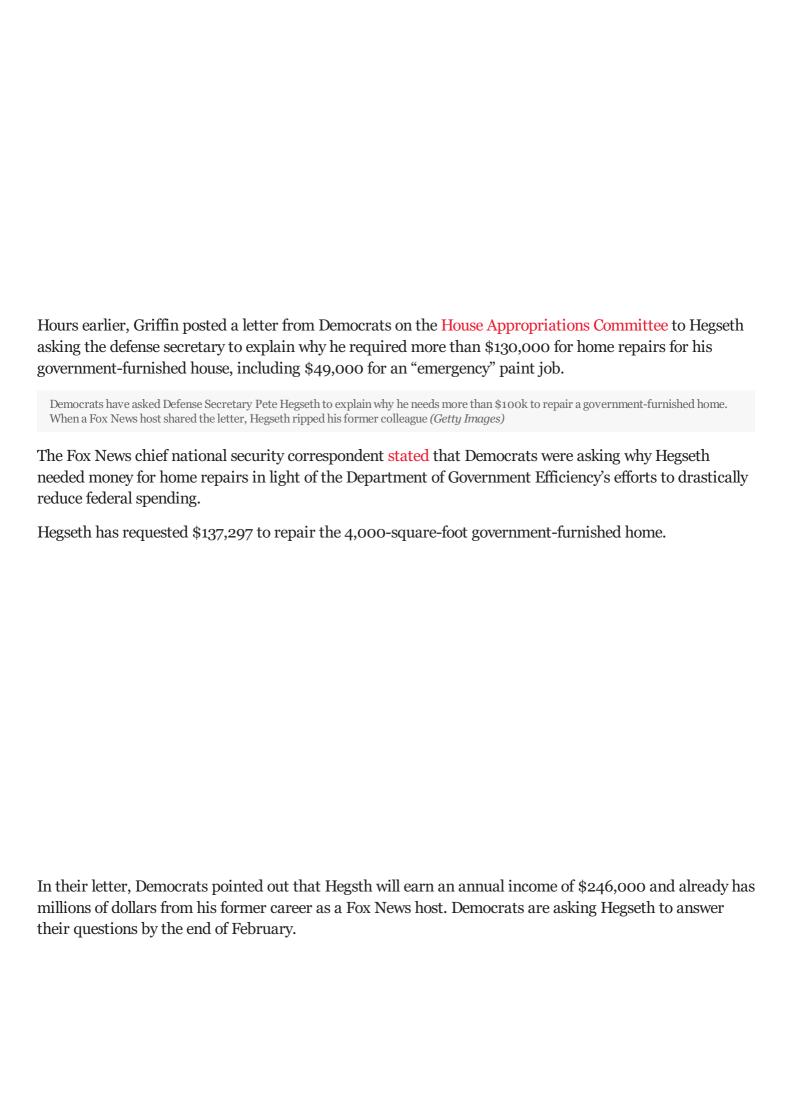
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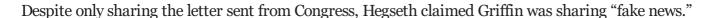
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Pete Hegseth aggressively pushed back on a Fox News colleague's report about a letter from Democrats to the defense secretary, claiming it was "fake news" despite the factual information.

Responding to a report from journalist Jen Griffin on X, Hegseth claimed Griffin and Democrats were the "same thing" and that neither "care about facts" because "they're just Trump haters."



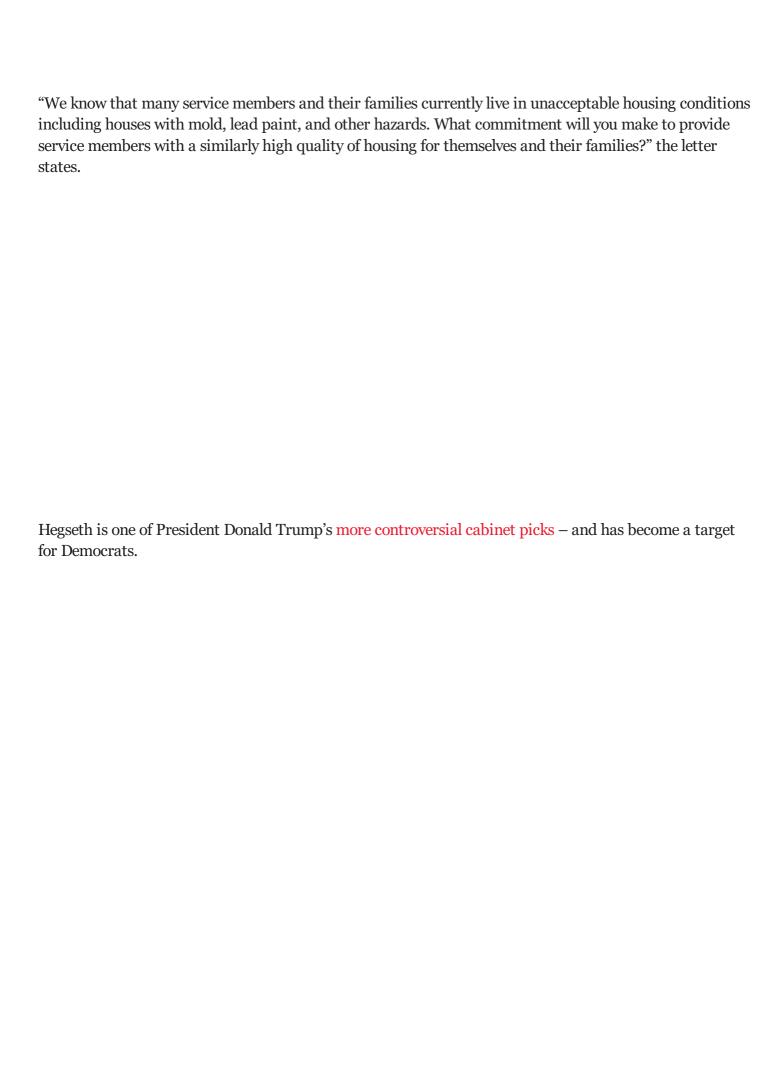


<sup>&</sup>quot;Any/all house repairs were going to happen no matter who was moving in—and were all initiated by [Department of Defense]," Hegseth wrote.

"But Dems/Jen don't care about facts; they're just Trump haters," he added.

As defense secretary, Hegseth has the opportunity to live in government housing but it is more common for people in those positions to opt to live in private housing, according to Military.com. Former defense secretary Lloyd Austin lived in his own home in Great Falls, Virginia.

Since Hegseth is choosing to live in the home, Democrats have asked him to justify why he needs the government-provided home, why it needs to be improved and how much he plans to pay in rent.



Their request is more politicized by the fact that Trump and his right-hand man, billionaire Elon Musk, are making drastic changes to the federal government in order to reduce federal spending and make American taxpayer dollars more meaningful.

Musk and Trump are attempting to place thousands of federal workers on administrative leave and plan to axe many others that they believe are unnecessary – all in the name of saving money.

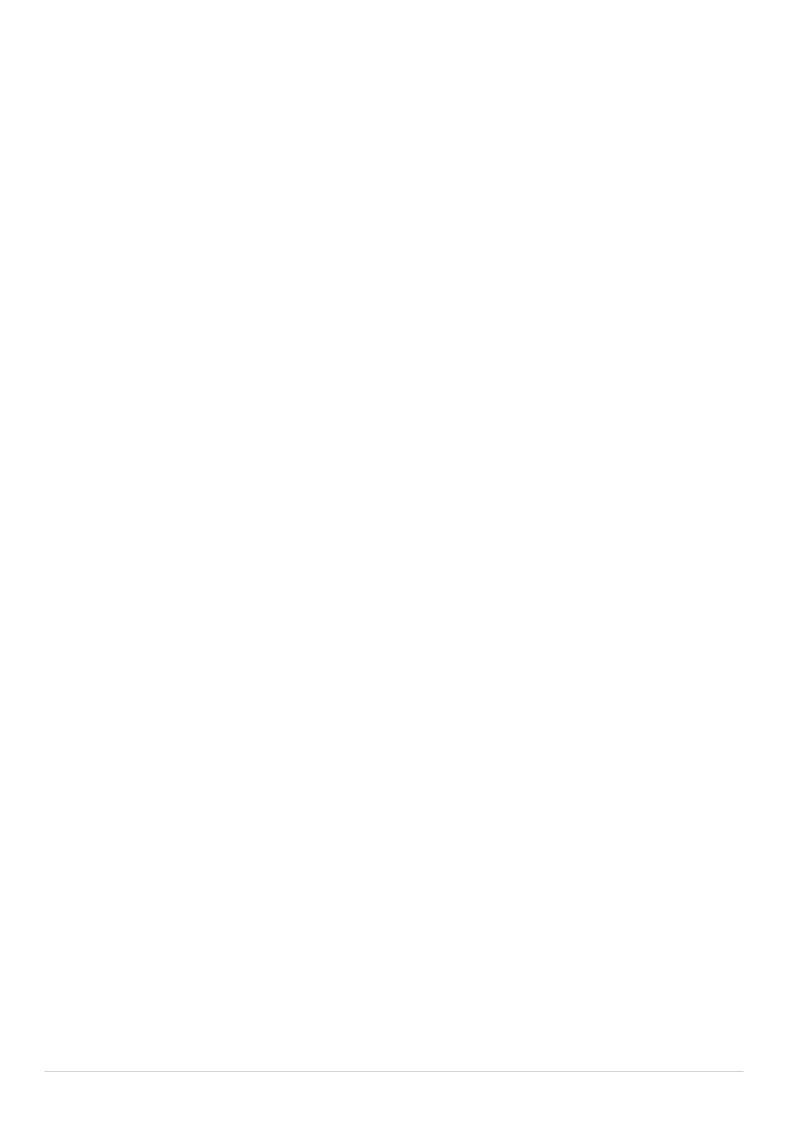
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