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### **Condemnation of the Mass Dismissal of Federal Workers in the United States**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Confederation of State Workers (CLATE), we express our solidarity and strong condemnation of the mass dismissal of contracted workers from U.S. federal agencies. The Trump administration, on the 13th of this month, ordered the termination of the vast majority of workers hired before his arrival in office.

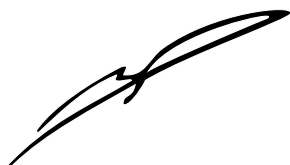
Following the statement from the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)—a federation representing over 800,000 workers—we fully endorse the words of its president, Everett Kelley: "This administration has abused the probationary period to conduct a politically driven mass firing spree, targeting employees not because of performance, but because they were hired before Trump took office," said AFGE President Everett Kelley. "These firings are not about poor performance – there is no evidence these employees were anything but dedicated public servants. They are about power. They are about gutting the federal government, silencing workers, and forcing agencies into submission to a radical agenda that prioritizes cronyism over competence."

According to information released by the AFGE, several operational sectors have been affected. "The Forest Service dismissed 2,400 new employees; thousands of probationary employees from the Department of Education, the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) were also fired, despite OPM's own guidance earlier this week advising agencies not to carry out drastic layoffs."

Elon Musk, who leads the purge and stands to benefit from the demise of agencies investigating him and his companies, called for the elimination of entire agencies. "I think we do need to delete entire agencies as opposed to leave a lot of them behind," Musk said. "If we don't remove the roots of the weed, then it's easy for the weed to grow back."

The AFGE has made it clear: "We will stand by every affected employee, pursue all available legal challenges, and hold this administration accountable for its reckless actions. Federal employees are not disposable, and we will not allow the government to treat them as such."

### **POR EL COMITÉ EJECUTIVO**



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