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Letters to the Editors —Outgoing, That Is¹

Writing to local papers can influence NPAs and gives aid, comfort, and information to Democrats. Here is the latest crop. If you've been published and would like us to republish your letter, please send it to editor@thedelraydemocratic.com.

Doge Ruse

I can't understand why giving tax breaks, mostly to the obscenely rich, is a top priority of the Trump administration. If this administration was serious about reducing federal government spending, then allowing this tax break to expire would save over \$4 trillion over 10 years. Also, to save Social Security, one can extend the cap so that the very wealthy contribute the same percentage of income that the average person does.

If more savings are needed, then President Donald Trump can reduce the number of his golf trips to his resorts. This one action would be a savings in his four-year term and harm no one.

If DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) was serious about its stated purposes, it would increase the size of the IRS's special agent force, which is specifically tasked with investigating violations of the U.S. Internal Revenue code. Also, making corporations and the uber rich, including the president, pay the same rate as the rest of us would bring more money to the government. As one can see, there are many ways to achieve DOGE's purposes without hurting and/or killing thousands of people in the United States and the world.

Geoff Kashdan, Palm Beach Post, March 30, 2025

Congress is holding up Florida's road projects

Infrastructure projects in Florida are stalled, not for lack of funding, but because this administration is deliberately blocking the money that Congress already approved. The Inflation Reduction Act, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act were approved to fund major improvements from road repairs to bridge replacements and transit expansions. These projects were greenlit and paid for, but now this illegal freeze is keeping the money from reaching our communities. Jobs that should have been created don't exist. Roads and bridges that should be fixed remain unsafe. Public transit projects that should be moving forward are stuck in limbo. People responsible for these delays are hoping no one notices.

This isn't a budget shortfall. It's political sabotage. Readers deserve to know which projects in our state are being delayed and which lawmakers are responsible. I urge you to investigate and report

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on how this obstructionist hurting local businesses, workers and families.

Sylvia Whiting, Palm Beach Post, March 30, 2025

Heart of Darkness

As the world scrambles to deal with Donald Trump's tariffs, I'm reminded of Richard Nixon's "Madman Theory." Nixon's idea was to convince hostile nations that he was irrational so that they would be afraid of provoking him.

Scholars have been skeptical of the theory, noting the difficulty of convincing foreign leaders that you are actually a madman.

That doesn't seem to be an impediment today.

Michael K. Cantwell, Miami Herald, April 13, 2025