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Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook has vowed to continue in her role on the central bank’s board. AL DRAGO/BLOOMBERG VIA GETTY IMAGES

Trump turns up pressure on Fed

Board governor’s firing sets up new showdown

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President Donald Trump’s announcement that he’s firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook is an unprecedented move that could lead to a long legal battle as the president looks to shape the balance of the central bank’s seven-member board in his favor.

The move Aug. 25 raises more questions about the Fed board’s independence, a president’s involvement in monetary policy and credibility in U.S. investments.

“I have determined that there is sufficient cause to remove you from your position,” Trump wrote in a letter to Cook shared on Truth Social, pointing to accusations that Cook made false statements on mortgage agreements.

Cook said Aug. 26 that the president lacked the basis and the authority to oust her from the central bank’s board.

Her firing comes amid Trump’s monthslong efforts to influence the central bank’s rate-cut decisions. Trump has focused on pressuring Fed Chair Jerome Powell to lower rates through name-calling and termination threats, although the president has since walked back those threats.

Cook, in a statement released by her lawyer, said that “no causes exist under the law,” and the president has “no authority” to remove her from the job to which she was appointed by President Joe Biden in 2022.

“I will continue to carry out my duties to help the American economy,” Cook said in a statement emailed to USA TODAY.

Abbe Lowell, Cook’s attorney, said the president’s demands “lack any proper process, basis or legal authority. We will take whatever actions are needed to prevent this attempted illegal action.”

In a statement torching Trump for trying to fire Cook, the Congressional Black Caucus said: “In the 111-year history of the Federal Reserve, no president has ever attempted to remove a governor of the central bank until now.

“President Trump is attempting to oust Dr. Lisa Cook – the first Black woman to serve on the Federal Reserve Board – with no credible evidence of wrongdoing,” according to the statement from

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Starting over in Mexico, these influencers are gaining followers and getting paid



Social media influencer Annie Garcia paints the word “Dreamer” on a wall in Mexico. PROVIDED BY ANNIE GARCIA

Deported immigrants cash in on misfortune

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“If there’s one thing I wish my content could embody it’s how much life there is on this side of the border. Our countries aren’t what they were 20 or 30 years ago when our parents left.”

Annie Garcia, writing June 15 on Instagram

Deported and alone, Annie Garcia landed in Mexico with \$40 in her pocket, a criminal record in the United States behind her and an unknown future ahead in a country she barely remembered. • Fast forward to the present, to a video shared with her more than half a million social media followers in August. Her hair blows in the wind as she speeds on a boat through an emerald sea. She tagged the clip: #LifeAfter-Deportation. • Expelled from the United States, young Mexican immigrants like Garcia, 35, are documenting the aftermath of their deportation online. Their videos – raw grief over what they lost in America, surprise and gratitude for what they’ve found in Mexico – are rapidly gaining them tens of thousands of followers. • At least a dozen of these deportees-turned-influencers, Garcia included, have started over in Mexico’s west coast beach gem, Puerto Vallarta.

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Fuel economy rollback could cost U.S. drivers

GOP measure eliminates penalties on carmakers

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In July, President Donald Trump’s signature tax and spending bill eliminated the penalties carmakers would have had to pay for not meeting fuel economy requirements.

The auto industry applauded the move, which, federal data shows, has cost manufacturers more than \$1 billion in fines over the past decade.

Though the fuel efficiency rules are still on the books for now, experts say taking away the fines can remove incentives to make cars use fewer gallons for more miles.

“If there’s no penalty, the auto companies can cheat at will,” said Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Transport Campaign at The Center for Biological Diversity. “It’s a ‘Get Out of Jail Free’ card.”

But what does that mean for you? To illustrate the impact fuel economy rules could have on how much you

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The auto industry has applauded the Trump administration’s moves to do away with fines for fuel inefficiency. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES



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Redistricting war rankles voters across many states

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AUSTIN – A congressional district that stretches from Austin to the outskirts of San Antonio, held by a progressive lawmaker, may soon vanish from the Texas capital. A Republican-held district in Southern California could soon turn dark blue. And districts in Indiana and Ohio may also likely soon be unrecognizable.

Across the USA, lawmakers on both sides of the political spectrum are engaging in an escalating redistricting war, with governors of both parties vowing to outdo the other – all in an effort to gain a partisan edge in next year’s midterm elections.

Meanwhile, voters in those districts watch in disbelief as long-held voting areas are stretched, shrunk or carved up into unrecognizable forms.

“Ridiculous,” said Steve Hochschild,

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