**Concept Application**

“President Trump moved Friday to roll back civil-service protections that federal employees have enjoyed for a generation, making it easier to fire poor performers, curtailing time employees can be paid for union work and directing agencies to negotiate tougher union contracts.

…Trump took his first significant steps toward fulfilling a campaign promise he made to overhaul a federal bureaucracy he told voters was awash in “waste, fraud, and abuse.”

The changes have been championed by Republicans who have sought to rein in the size and reach of the federal bureaucracy of 2 million, which under Trump has been gradually shrinking through hiring freezes and unfilled vacancies.”

- Adapted from the Washington Post May 25, 2018

Use the information from above to answer to answer the following questions.

1. Describe a power Congress could use to address the comments outlined in the scenario
2. In the context of the scenario, explain how the use of Congressional power described in part A can be affected by its interaction with the presidency
3. In the context of the scenario, explain how linkage institutions can affect interaction between Congress and civil service positions.

Key:

1. Give more or cut funding to agencies, create new departments or eliminate them.
2. Congress could help the president by doing nothing or try to stop him by passing new legislation.
3. The media could publicize an agencies rollbacks while interest groups could start a grassroots campaign or file litigation.