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Case Summary

(This summary is temporary, while we research the case.) On April 7, 2025, the American Library Association and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees filed this lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. They named the Institute of Museum and Library Services and its Acting Director, President Donald Trump, DOGE and its Acting Administrator, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and its Director as Defendants. They challenged Executive Order 14238, titled “Continuing Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy,” signed on March 14, 2025, which directed the Institute of Museum and Library Services and other federal agencies to eliminate all programs and terminate all staff not required by statute. After the issuance of the EO, DOGE gutted the Institute of Museum and Library Services, terminating nearly all employees and canceling its grants. The Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants’ actions violated the Separation of Powers, the Take Care Clause, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the First Amendment.

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