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With New Deadline from the Administration, Educators Ask Court to Pause Harmful Attacks on Educational Programs and Student Opportunities

PRESS RELEASE

April 9, 2025

Baltimore, MD - Today, a coalition represented by Democracy Forward that includes nationwide associations of educators and a public school district asked a federal court to stop a new attempt to require school districts throughout the nation to certify their compliance with the Trump administration's unlawful interpretation of civil rights laws or risk prosecution, or risk a loss of vital federal funding. The Trump administration has set April 24, 2025, as a deadline for every school district in the country to certify compliance.

New Lawsuit Challenges President Trump's Unlawful Removal of EEOC Commissioner Jocelyn Samuels

PRESS RELEASE

April 9, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner Jocelyn Samuels filed suit challenging her removal by Donald Trump in January 2025. Samuels was serving her second term on the commission, which was scheduled to continue until July 2026.

Supreme Court Lifts Temporary Block on Trump’s Use of Alien Enemies Act to Deport Immigrants, Clears Path to Further Challenges

PRESS RELEASE

April 7, 2025

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court tonight granted the Trump administration’s request to lift the temporary restraining order (TRO) issued in a case addressing President Trump’s invocation of the Alien Enemies Act (AEA), but underlined that people targeted for removal under the act are entitled to challenge their removal, including by challenging the interpretation and constitutionality of the act.

American Library Association, AFSCME Challenge Trump Administration Gutting of Institute of Museum and Library Services

PRESS RELEASE

April 7, 2025

Washington, D.C. - The American Library Association (ALA), the largest library association in the world, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the largest union representing museum and library workers, are challenging the Trump administration's gutting of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) – a non-partisan and independent agency dedicated to supporting and funding museums and libraries and museums and the crucial community services they provide in every state across the country. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of ALA and AFSCME by Democracy Forward and co-counsel Gair Gallo Eberhard LLP, asks the court to block the dismantling of the IMLS as directed by a Trump executive order.

Unions, Retirees File Motion for Preliminary Injunction to Halt Unlawful DOGE Access to Social Security Data as New Facts Emerge

PRESS RELEASE

April 4, 2025

Baltimore, MD – Today, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), and the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) filed a motion for a preliminary injunction in federal court to stop the ongoing, unlawful access to sensitive personal data by Elon Musk's so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) at the Social Security Administration (SSA). DOGE's intrusion has already put millions at risk of identity theft, financial fraud, and doxxing.

ICYMI: Thousands of Lawyers Urge Attorney General Bondi to Defend Legal Profession

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April 3, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, thousands of lawyers transmitted a letter to U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, urging her to reject political attacks on attorneys and law firms. Democracy Forward, in partnership with the Society for the Rule of Law Institute, Public Citizen, and American Civil Liberties Union, organized this letter representing a cross-ideological coalition of legal professionals, united in concern that recent attacks—many stemming from the Project 2025 playbook—are part of an effort to scare people from exercising their right to access the justice system.

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Middle East Broadcasting Networks Sues USAGM for Blocking Access to Congressional Funds

PRESS RELEASE

April 1, 2025

Washington, DC – Today, the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (MBN), represented by Democracy Forward and Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, filed suit in federal court challenging the U.S. Agency for Global Media’s (USAGM) unlawful withholding of funds that Congress appropriated to support MBN’s independent journalism in the Middle East and North Africa.

Coalition Asks Court to Stop Trump Attempt to Dismantle Department of Education

PRESS RELEASE

April 1, 2025

Massachusetts - The coalition of educators, school districts, and unions that was the first to challenge a Trump executive order dismantling the Department of Education, today asked a U.S. District Court to stop mass firings that will decimate the crucial services the Department provides to every American. The group, which includes the Easthampton School District, Somerville Public School Committee, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) - Massachusetts, AFT, AFSCME Council 93,

American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) filed a motion for preliminary injunction, asking the court to stop the firings while the court considered the issue.

Court of Appeals Blocks Trump Administration's Improper Attempt to Overturn Temporary Restraining Order Protecting Social Security Data from DOGE

PRESS RELEASE

April 1, 2025

Washington, DC—Today, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit dismissed the government's appeal of a temporary restraining order protecting sensitive data maintained by the Social Security Administration (SSA) from Elon Musk's so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE).

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