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Maine joins another lawsuit against the Trump Administration

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AUGUSTA, Maine — Maine has joined 20 other states to sue the Trump Administration to prevent three federal agencies from being dismantled.

Maine Attorney General Aaron Frey and the rest of the coalition want to stop the dismantling of three agencies. Those agencies are the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

The lawsuit is in response to President Donald Trump's **executive order** that continues to reduce the federal workforce.

According to the executive order, the administration will reduce elements of the federal government that President Trump determines to be unnecessary.

As a result of the order, the IMLS placed a large amount of staff on administrative leave and grant money is at risk. That agency provides funding for the Maine State Library.

Frey says dismantling these agencies will have devastating effects on communities throughout Maine.

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