UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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| STATE OF RHODE ISLAND; STATE OF NEW YORK; STATE OF HAWAI'I; STATE OF ARIZONA; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF COLORADO; STATE OF CONNECTICUT; STATE OF DELAWARE; STATE OF ILLINOIS; STATE OF MAINE; STATE OF MARYLAND; COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN; STATE OF MINNESOTA; STATE OF NEVADA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; STATE OF NEW MEXICO; STATE OF OREGON; STATE OF VERMONT; STATE OF WASHINGTON; STATE OF WISCONSIN;<br><br>Plaintiffs,<br><br>v.<br><br>DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as President of the United States; INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES; KEITH E. SONDERLING, in his official capacity as Acting Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services; MINORITY BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY; MADIHA D. LATIF, in her official capacity as Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development; HOWARD LUTNICK, in his official capacity as Secretary of Commerce; FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE; GREGORY GOLDSTEIN, in his official capacity as Acting Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation | C.A. No. 1:25-cv-00128-JJM-LDA |

Service; OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET; RUSSELL T. VOUGHT, in his official capacity as Director of the Office of Management and Budget;

Defendants.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

For the reasons contained in this Court's Memorandum and Order (ECF No. 57), it is hereby ORDERED that a PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION is entered. Agency Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and any other persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendants or their officers, agents, employees, or attorneys,[1] are hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Defendants Institute of Museum and Library Services ("IMLS"), Keith E. Sonderling, Minority Business and Development Agency ("MBDA"), Madiha D. Latif, Howard Lutnick, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service ("FMCS"); Gregory Goldstein, Office of Management and Budget, Russell T. Vought (collectively "Agency Defendants") are enjoined from implementing Section 2 of the Executive Order 14238, "Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy" as to IMLS, MBDA, and FMCS.

[1] This Order binds Defendants' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and other persons who are in active concert or participation with anyone described in Rule 65(d)(2)(A) or (B). Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d)(2). Individual defendants are enjoined in their official capacities only.

2. The Agency Defendants must promptly take all necessary steps to reverse any policies, memoranda, directives, or actions issued before this Order that were designed or intended, in whole or in part, to implement, give effect to, comply with, or carry out the directives contained in Executive Order 14238 with respect to IMLS, MBDA, or FMCS.

3. The Agency Defendants shall not take any further actions to eliminate IMLS, MBDA, and FMCS pursuant to Executive Order 14238. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude the Agency Defendants from taking actions that would improve Agency efficiency or reduce the size or scope of the Agency Defendants as long as (a) the Agency Defendant provides a reasoned explanation for such action, and (b) the action will not prevent the Agency Defendant from fulfilling any of their statutory obligations.

4. The Agency Defendants shall take all necessary steps to restore all IMLS, MBDA, and FMCS employees and personal service contractors, who were involuntarily placed on leave or involuntarily terminated due to the implementation of Executive Order 14238, to their status before March 14, 2025. Nothing in this Order precludes the Agency Defendants from making personnel decisions that are not related to or motivated by Executive Order 14238.

5. The Agency Defendants shall not further pause, cancel, or otherwise terminate IMLS or MBDA grants or contracts or fail to disburse funds to

recipients in plaintiff States according to such grants or contracts for reasons other than the grantees or contractors' non-compliances with applicable grant or contract terms.

6. The Agency Defendants shall take immediate steps to resume the processing, disbursement, and payment of already-awarded funding, and to release awarded funds previously withheld or rendered inaccessible due to or in reliance on Section 2 of the Executive Order 14238, "Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy" with respect to recipients in plaintiff States.

7. The Agency Defendants shall, within 7 days of the date of this Order, file with the Court a status report that confirms Defendants' full compliance with this Order, or to the extent that full compliance was not practicable in that 7 day period, why full compliance is not practicable, and that details the actions Defendants have taken to comply with the Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

John J. McConnell, Jr.
Chief Judge
United States District Court

May 13, 2025