

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 26-5070

September Term, 2025

1:26-cv-00081-RJL

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Mark Kelly, United States Senator
Representing the State of Arizona,

Appellee

v.

Pete Hegseth, in his Official Capacity as
Secretary of Defense, et al.,

Appellants

BEFORE: Henderson, Pillard, and Pan, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the motion to expedite briefing and argument in this appeal, it is

ORDERED that the appeal be expedited. The following briefing schedule will apply:

Appellants' Brief	March 20, 2026
Joint Appendix	March 20, 2026
Appellee's Brief	April 15, 2026
Reply Brief	April 27, 2026

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that oral argument be scheduled before this panel at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

The parties are directed to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on the date due.

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Appellants should raise all issues and arguments in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 43-44 (2025); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:
Clifton B. Cislak, Clerk

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