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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
17 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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19 ANTHROPIC PBC,
20 Plaintiff,
21 v.
22 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR, et al.,
23 Defendants.

Case No. 3:26-cv-01996-RFL

**UNOPPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN
AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER**

Date:
Time:
Ctrm.: Courtroom 15 - 18th Floor
Judge: Hon. Rita F. Lin

Date Action Filed: March 9, 2026

1 Pursuant to Local Rule 7-11, Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) respectfully moves,
2 through undersigned counsel, for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* in support of Plaintiff’s
3 motion for a temporary restraining order. The proposed brief is attached as Exhibit 1, and a
4 proposed order is attached. In support of this motion, proposed *amicus* further states:

5 1. This Court has discretion in determining whether a third party may participate in a
6 case as *amicus curiae*. See, e.g., *NGV Gaming Ltd. v. Upstream Point Molate, LLC*, 355 F. Supp.
7 2d 1061, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005). “District courts frequently welcome *amicus* briefs from non-
8 parties concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond the parties directly
9 involved.” *Id.*; see also *Yurok Tribe v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*, 654 F. Supp. 3d 941, 957 n.6
10 (N.D. Cal. 2023). Proposed *amicus* can provide precisely that kind of information and
11 perspective.

12 2. Microsoft is a leading technology innovator. For fifty years, Microsoft has
13 developed, licensed and sold a wide range of programs, devices and services that transform the
14 ways people work, play, and communicate. It invests hundreds of billions of dollars in research,
15 development, and the operation and promotion of new technologies, products, and services to
16 compete in dynamic technology markets. Microsoft also creates platforms and tools powered by
17 artificial intelligence (“AI”) to deliver innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of its
18 customers. It has developed Microsoft 365 Copilot, an advanced generative AI application that
19 integrates large language models into its suite of search, productivity tools, cloud services, and
20 other enterprise applications. Microsoft is also a major U.S. government contractor and a key
21 partner to the U.S. Department of War, providing American military forces with critical cloud
22 computing, AI, and other technology. Microsoft has long believed in the strong defense of the
23 United States and wants the people who defend it to have access to the Nation’s best technology,
24 including from Microsoft.

25 3. All the requirements for a brief of *amicus curiae* before this Court are satisfied.
26 The proposed brief is timely and will not delay the Court’s resolution of Plaintiff’s pending
27 motion given that it is filed before the close of briefing on Plaintiff’s motion. No counsel for
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1 either party authored the proposed brief in whole or part. No person other than the proposed
2 *amicus* or their counsel contributed money intended to fund the preparation or submission of the
3 proposed brief. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 29(a)(4)(E). Both parties have consented to the filing of this
4 brief of *amicus curiae*.

6 **CONCLUSION**

7 For the foregoing reasons, proposed *amicus* respectfully requests that the Court grant its
8 unopposed motion for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief.

10 Dated: March 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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