

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS,

Plaintiff,

v.

TAYLOR BUDOWICH, in his official capacity as White House Deputy Chief of Staff; KAROLINE LEAVITT, in her official capacity as White House Press Secretary; and SUSAN WILES, in her official capacity as White House Chief of Staff,

Defendants.

Case No. _____

Emergency Hearing Requested

**PLAINTIFF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS'S
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Plaintiff The Associated Press (“the AP”), by its attorneys, moves pursuant to Rule 65(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 65.1 for a preliminary injunction requiring Defendants to immediately rescind the ban on the AP’s access to the Oval Office, Air Force One, and other limited spaces when such spaces are made open to other members of the White House press pool. As set forth in greater detail in the accompanying memorandum, the AP meets each requirement for a preliminary injunction: (1) the AP is likely to succeed on the merits of its claims that Defendants’ actions violate the AP’s due process and First Amendment rights; (2) Defendants’ violation of the AP’s constitutional rights, especially its “First Amendment freedoms, . . . unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury,” *see Elrod v. Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 373 (1976) (plurality opinion); *Pursuing Am.’s Greatness v. Fed. Election Comm’n*, 831 F.3d 500, 511 (D.C. Cir. 2016) (same); and (3) the balance of the equities and the public interest strongly favor injunctive relief.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff the AP respectfully requests that its Motion be GRANTED and that this Court enter a preliminary injunction requiring Defendants to immediately rescind the ban on the AP's access to the Oval Office, Air Force One, and other limited spaces when such spaces are made open to other members of the White House press pool.

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Respectfully submitted,

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