

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC)	
PRESERVATION IN THE UNITED)	
STATES,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Case No. 25-4316 (RJL)
v.)	
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	
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AMENDED ORDER
April 16th, 2026 [Dkt. #65, 71]

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby
ORDERED that the Court’s March 31, 2026 Order [Dkt. #61] is **VACATED** and
SUPERSEDED by this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Second Motion for Preliminary Injunction [Dkt. #51] is
GRANTED; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion to Clarify [Dkt. #65] is **GRANTED**; and it is
further

ORDERED that the National Park Service; Jessica Bowron, in her official capacity
as Acting Director, National Park Service; John Stanwich, in his official capacity as
Superintendent, the White House and President’s Park; the Department of the Interior;
Douglas Burgum, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Interior; the General Services

Administration; Michael J. Rigas, in his official capacity as Acting Administrator, General Services Administration; the Executive Office of the President; Susie Wiles, in her official capacity as White House Chief of Staff; the Office of the Executive Residence; and Robert B. Downing, in his official capacity as White House Chief Usher (together, “Defendants”), and any agents of Defendants or any other persons working at their direction or in active concert therewith, are preliminarily **ENJOINED** from taking any action in furtherance of the above-ground, physical construction of the proposed ballroom at the former site of the East Wing of the White House; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order does not prohibit below-ground construction, including below-ground construction of national security facilities, as well as above-ground construction short of constructing the proposed above-ground ballroom that is strictly necessary to cover, secure, and protect such national security facilities, provided that any such construction will not lock in the above-ground size and scale of the ballroom; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order does not prohibit measures strictly necessary to provide for the personal safety of the President and his staff short of constructing the proposed above-ground ballroom and provided that any such construction will not lock in the above-ground size and scale of the ballroom; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order does not prohibit construction strictly necessary to ensure the safety, security, and structural integrity of the White House, the White House grounds, and the below-ground construction site—including waterproofing, water management, structural reinforcement, and sealing off exposed construction areas—short

of constructing the proposed above-ground ballroom and provided that any such construction will not lock in the above-ground size and scale of the ballroom; and it is further

ORDERED that, subject to the safety-and-security exceptions above, no such work shall proceed absent express authorization from Congress; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendants' counsel shall provide written notice of this Order to all officers, agents, successors, servants, employees, and attorneys of Defendants, as well as any other persons working at their direction, in active concert therewith, or subject to Defendants' control; and it is further

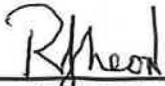
ORDERED that Defendants' Motion to Extend Administrative Stay of Preliminary Injunction [Dkt. #71] is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall take effect seven (7) days after its issuance; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendants shall file a status report apprising the Court of the status of their compliance with this Order no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date the Order takes effect; and it is further

ORDERED that the security requirement is hereby waived, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

SO ORDERED.



RICHARD J. LEON
United States District Judge