

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CABLE NEWS NETWORK, INC., MS NOW
CABLE, LLC, POLITICO LLC, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:26-cv-03287-TJK

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Early this morning the Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order directing “that Defendants (except for President Trump) and their agents, representatives, and all persons or entities acting in concert with them shall immediately return, reinstate, and restore the White House ‘hard pass’ press credentials held by employees of CNN, MS NOW, and POLITICO that were revoked on or about September 18, 2026.” Dkt. 24 (the “Order”). This morning journalists from each of CNN, MS NOW, and POLITICO attempted to enter the White House and were turned away, and Secret Service agents confiscated the hard pass of journalists whose hard passes had not previously been confiscated. And when Plaintiff Betsy Klein, whose hard pass was confiscated on Saturday, September 19, requested to have her hard pass returned, her request was denied and she was refused access to the White House complex. And time is of the essence—CNN is scheduled to be the television pool this evening for President Xi Jinping’s visit to the White House.

Counsel for Plaintiffs reached out to counsel for Defendants this morning and requested to call the Court together. Counsel for Defendants has not responded.

Defendants have already repeatedly violated the Court's Order. Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court set a hearing by videoconference or teleconference as soon as possible this morning.

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Respectfully submitted,

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