

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

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

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, ET AL.,

*Defendants.*

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

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF on behalf of THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED  
PEOPLE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS,  
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION, AND APRIL D.  
RYAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS**

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Under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 29(a)(3) and District of Columbia District Court LCvR. 7(o), *amici curiae*, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”), The National Association of Black Journalists (“NABJ”), the National Newspaper Publishers Association (“NNPA”), and April D. Ryan (collectively “*Amici*”), move for leave to file the concurrently submitted amicus brief in support of Plaintiffs. All parties have consented to the filing of this brief. Thus, *Amici* file this Motion and in support thereof, state the following:

As explained in the Statements of Interest in the concurrently filed brief, *Amici* are non-profit organizations and individuals that litigate, advocate and educate in areas of social justice, including emphasizing racial justice and eradicating discrimination. Accordingly, *Amici* individually and collectively share a significant commitment to ensuring that the longstanding and well-settled law undergirding the guarantee of free speech and free press remains upheld.

The Court should use its discretion to grant this Motion, and permit *Amici* to file their concurrently submitted brief because they represent an interest that “is not represented” and “ha[ve] unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties are able to provide.” *Jin v. Ministry of State Sec.*, 557 F. Supp. 2d 131, 137 (D.D.C 2008).

The accompanying brief of *Amici* explains how the Administration’s ban of CNN, MS NOW, and Politico from the White House grossly runs afoul of the First Amendment right to receive information. Specifically, the brief explains that the ban on these outlets amounts to de facto discrimination because it interferes with Black Americans’ ability to assert their right to receive information from trusted news outlets. Lastly, the brief discusses how Black Americans have always valued First Amendment freedoms and have asserted their importance throughout history.

### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, *Amici* respectfully move for leave from the Court to file the brief accompanying this motion. *Amici* do not seek oral argument on their brief.

Dated: October 1, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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