# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE DIVISION

National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, et al.,

Plaintiffs.

v.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-333-ABA

Donald J. Trump, in his official capacity as President of the United States, et al.,

Defendants.

#### PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CLARIFY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER

On February 13, 2025, Plaintiffs moved for a temporary restraining order and/or a preliminary injunction against Defendants' enforcement of several provisions of two executive orders. *See* ECF No. 27. On February 21, 2025, this Court issued an Order granting in part and denying in part Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. *See* ECF No. 45. In its Order, the Court enjoined "Defendants other than the President, and other persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendants" from taking certain actions pursuant to challenged provisions of the executive orders. *Id.* at 3.

The Parties disagree as to what it means for a person, including non-named agencies, to be "in active concert or participation with Defendants." Counsel for the Government notified Plaintiffs' counsel that the Government will instruct only named agency Defendants to comply with the Order. But Plaintiffs' view is that every federal agency is in "active concert or

participation" with Defendants here, including the President, the Department of Justice, and the Office of Management and Budget.

In order to aid the appeal of the Court's Order by relieving the Fourth Circuit from considering the substance of an issue that is purely the result of uncertainty generated by the parties, Plaintiffs respectfully move the Court to clarify the scope of its Order. Given the urgent need for relief and clarity, Plaintiffs respectfully request expedited briefing on this motion.

Counsel will confer regarding a briefing schedule and inform the Court.

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