

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

STATE OF MARYLAND, *et al.*,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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CIVIL NO. JKB-25-0748

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, *et al.*,

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Defendants.

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ORDER

As expressed during the Preliminary Injunction Hearing held on March 26, 2025, the Court is disinclined to issue a preliminary injunction that is national in scope, unless the law and facts require it. Accordingly, the parties are ORDERED to provide additional briefing on the following question by 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2025:

In the circumstance that the Court rules in favor of the Plaintiff States on the propriety of preliminary relief, what are the contours of a preliminary injunction that is not national in scope yet still redresses the alleged irreparable harms to the Plaintiff States? The parties must address the situation in which (1) a probationary employee resides in one state but works in another and (2) only one such state is a party.

DATED this 26 day of March, 2025.

BY THE COURT:



James K. Breder
United States District Judge