

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VA COUNCIL; and

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES LOCAL
2305;

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS; and

DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, in his official
capacity as U.S. Secretary of Veterans
Affairs;

Defendants.

Civil Action No.
25-CV-583-MRD-PAS

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (“the VA”) and Douglas A. Collins, in his official capacity as U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit from the following orders:

1. the preliminary injunction and preliminary order of relief, as clarified, that the district court (DuBose, J.) entered in favor of the Plaintiffs on March 13, 2026 (ECF No. 30) and clarified in an Order issued on March 23, 2026 (text order dated Mar. 23, 2026); and

2. the Order granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Enforce the Preliminary Injunction that the district court (DuBose, J.) entered in favor of the Plaintiffs on March 27, 2026 (ECF No. 39).

Dated: March 27, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; and
DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, in his
official capacity as U.S. Secretary of
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I hereby certify that, on March 27, 2026, I filed the foregoing document through this Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system, thereby serving it upon all registered users in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2)(E) and Local Rule Gen 304.

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