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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

CASE NO. C25-1228KKE

Plaintiffs,

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION, et al.,

Defendants.

TO PLAINTIFFS STATE OF WASHINGTON; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF  
COLORADO; STATE OF CONNECTICUT; STATE OF DELAWARE; STATE OF ILLINOIS;  
STATE OF MAINE; STATE OF MARYLAND; COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS;  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN; STATE OF NEW MEXICO; STATE OF NEW  
YORK; STATE OF NEVADA; STATE OF OREGON; STATE OF RHODE ISLAND and STATE  
OF WISCONSIN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION and LINDA MCMAHON in her official capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department

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1 of Education, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from the  
2 judgment entered in this action on December 19, 2025, Dkt. # 270, as amended by the Court on  
3 January 22, 2026, *see* Dkt. # 356, and all orders that merge with the judgment.

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5 DATED this 23rd day of January 2026.

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