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9	STATE OF WASHINGTON and STATE OF MINNESOTA,	
10	Plaintiffs,	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR
11	V.	EMERGENCY MOTION TO ENFORCE
12	DONALD TRUMP, in his official	PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
13	capacity as President of the United States; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF	ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
14	HOMELAND SECURITY; JOHN F. KELLY, in his official capacity as	Motion Noted: March 14, 2017
15	Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; REX W.	
16	TILLERSON, in his official capacity as Secretary of State; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
17	Defendants.	
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19	STATE OF OREGON,	
20	Intervenor-Plaintiff,	
21	V.	
22	DONALD TRUMP, et al.,	
23	Intervenor-Defendants.	
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### I. INTRODUCTION

Injunctions are not suggestions. When a court enjoins a defendant from enforcing policies, the defendant cannot evade the injunction by announcing that it will continue only some of the illegal policies. Yet that is what Defendants attempt here. The Court should reject this attempt to evade its authority and should exercise its broad power to enforce its injunction.

On February 3, this Court enjoined Defendants from enforcing five policies contained in Executive Order 13769 (First Executive Order). Despite Defendants' attacks, the Ninth Circuit refused to modify the injunction in any way. Yet on March 6, President Trump signed Executive Order 13780 (Second Executive Order), reinstating two of the enjoined policies.

Specifically, although this Court enjoined Section 5(a) of the First Executive Order, which suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, the Second Executive Order reinstates a materially identical provision in Section 6(a). This Court also enjoined Section 3(c) of the First Executive Order, which barred entry of individuals for 90 days from seven Muslimmajority countries. Yet Section 2(c) of the Second Executive Order largely reinstates this ban. While the new section differs from the original by excluding Iraqis, lawful permanent residents, and visa-holders, it bars entry for virtually all other individuals from the listed countries, including: relatives of U.S. citizens, students who have been admitted to state universities, prospective employees of state universities and private businesses, and many others. This Court's original injunction protected these individuals and institutions, and the Ninth Circuit rejected Defendants' request to narrow the injunction to exclude them. Washington v. Trump, 847 F.3d 1151, 1166 (9th Cir. 2017).

Defendants have announced that on March 16 they intend to reinstate these policies that this Court enjoined. But if Defendants wish to implement policies that this Court enjoined, they must move to modify this Court's injunction under well-settled rules. Until they do so, they cannot escape the injunction and continue their illegal conduct. The Court should hear this motion at its earliest opportunity, enforce its injunction, and uphold the rule of law.

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#### II. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

## A. After President Trump Issued the First Executive Order, this Court and Other Courts Enjoined Key Provisions on Multiple Grounds

President Trump campaigned on the promise of "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." First Amended Complaint ¶¶ 42-43, Ex. 1, ECF No. 18 (Am. Compl.). Although he was repeatedly asked to reconsider this promise, he refused. Put simply, "[t]he 'Muslim ban' was a centerpiece of the president's campaign for months." *Aziz v. Trump*, No. 1:17-cv-116-LMB/TCB, 2017 WL 580855, at \*8 (E.D. Va. Feb. 13, 2017).

One week after his inauguration, President Trump acted on his campaign promise by issuing the First Executive Order. Am. Compl. ¶ 49, Ex. 7. He confirmed that the First Executive Order was meant to "follow[] through" on his campaign promise. *See* ECF No. 113-4 at 9 ("I'm here following through on what I pledged to do. That's all I'm doing."); *see also id.* at 13 ("I keep my campaign promises."). His advisors confirmed that the First Executive Order was meant to fulfill the campaign promise. *See, e.g.*, Am. Compl. ¶ 61, Ex. 17 (citing advisor's statement that the executive order was designed to be a "legal" ban on Muslims).

On February 3, this Court enjoined five sections of the First Executive Order. ECF No. 52 at IV(1)(a)-(e). The Court found that the States had established: (1) both proprietary and *parens patriae* standing; (2) that they were "likely to succeed on the merits of the claims that would entitle them to relief"; (3) that they were likely to suffer irreparable harm absent an injunction; and (4) that the equities and public interest tipped in their favor. ECF No. 52 at 4-5. Defendants sought an emergency stay, but the Ninth Circuit declined to stay the injunction or alter it in any respect. *Washington v. Trump*, 847 F.3d 1151. In particular, the Ninth Circuit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Filed concurrently with this motion is a motion seeking leave to file a Second Amended Complaint with additional allegations and parties. That motion has not been ruled upon, and all citations are therefore to the First Amended Complaint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Am. Compl. ¶¶ 46-47, Exs. 4-5 (refusing to "pull-back" the Muslim ban; instead, referring to "extreme vetting" as "an expansion" of his position); ECF No. 113-2 at 18 (declining to "rethink" his position in the Republican primary debate); ECF No. 113-1 ¶ 4 (responding to a question about his position on Muslims after being elected: "You know my plans. All along, I've been proven to be right"); see also Am. Compl. ¶ 43, Ex. 1 (noting that President Trump's call for a Muslim ban remains available on his campaign website to this day).

refused Defendants' request to narrow the injunction to cover only lawful permanent residents and other previously admitted aliens who wished to travel. *Id.* at 1166. Defendants have since abandoned their appeal and it has been dismissed. 9th Cir. ECF Nos. 186-87.

Many other courts agreed with this Court and the Ninth Circuit that the First Executive Order was likely unconstitutional.<sup>3</sup> In particular, the district court for the Eastern District of Virginia issued a detailed opinion reviewing the history of the President's statements regarding the order and holding that the plaintiff State of Virginia was "likely to succeed on an Establishment Clause claim." *Aziz*, 2017 WL 580855, at \*8.

# B. The Second Executive Order Adopts "The Same Basic Policy" as the First and Retains Two Key Provisions Enjoined by this Court

After being restrained from implementing the First Executive Order, President Trump issued a second. According to his senior staff, the revisions in the Second Executive Order are intended to address only "very technical issues" and achieve "the same basic policy outcome" as the first. ECF No. 113-5 at 3 (statements of Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller); *see also* ECF No. 113-6 at 16 (statement of White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer on March 6 that, "if you think about it, the principles of the executive order remain the same"). In the words of the President's spokesman: "the goal is obviously to maintain the way that we did it the first time." ECF No. 113-7 at 24. President Trump likewise tied the Second Executive Order to his previous campaign promises, sending a fundraising email the day that he signed the Second Executive Order citing it as an example of keeping a campaign promise and again emphasizing its focus on "radical" Muslims. *See* ECF No. 113-8 at 3.

The Second Executive Order reinstates two key provisions enjoined by this Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Federal courts in the following other cases have enjoined parts or all of the travel ban: *Arab Am. Civil Rights League v. Trump*, No. 2:17-cv-10310, ECF 8 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 2, 2017) (order granting permanent injunction, in part); *Darweesh v. Trump*, No. 1:17-cv-00480, ECF 8 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 28, 2017) (order granting stay of removal and TRO); *Vayeghan v. Kelly*, No. 2:17-cv-00702, ECF 5 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2017) (granting TRO); *Mohammed v. United States*, No. 2:17-cv-00786, ECF 7 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 31, 2017) (granting TRO).

The first reinstated provision is the 120-day suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Section 6(a) of the Second Executive Order is almost identical to its predecessor—enjoined Section 5(a)—and differs only cosmetically, such as by modifying the refugee suspension to exclude those already scheduled for travel. While the Second Executive Order removes other provisions related to refugees enjoined by this Court (particularly Section 5(c), which indefinitely suspended entry of Syrian refugees, and the explicit preference based on religious minority status in Sections 5(b) and (e)), removal of those provisions does not alter the virtually complete overlap between new Section 6(a) and enjoined Section 5(a).

The second reinstated provision is the bar on entry of individuals based on their national origin. Enjoined Section 3(c) of the First Executive Order barred entry of individuals for 90 days from seven Muslim-majority countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Section (2)(c) of the Second Executive Order bars entry of individuals for 90 days from the same Muslim-majority countries, with the exception of Iraq. While the reinstated section differs from the original by excluding lawful permanent residents and visa-holders from its travel ban, it bars entry for virtually all others from the listed countries, including: relatives of U.S. citizens from the listed countries; students who have been admitted to state universities but not yet received visas; prospective employees of state universities and private businesses who have been offered positions but not yet obtained visas; students and employees who need to renew their visas; and many others protected by this Court's order.

As with the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order states that the six-country and refugee bans are subject to possible waivers. For the six-country ban, the Second Executive Order provides that "case-by-case waivers could be appropriate." Second Executive Order § 3(c). This parallels the "national interest" waivers following "case-by-case determinations" available under Section 3(g) of the First Executive Order. Likewise, the refugee ban remains subject to waivers on the same terms as the First Executive Order: "[O]n a case-by-case basis, in their discretion, but only so long as [the Secretaries of State and

Homeland Security] determine" that the refugee's admission (1) "is in the national interest," and (2) does not pose a threat "to the security or welfare of the United States." First Executive Order § 5(e); Second Executive Order § 6(c).

In short, retaining these provisions makes clear that President Trump is not backing down from his campaign pledge. Like their predecessors, new Sections 2(c) and 6(a) ban people from listed majority-Muslim countries and suspend the Refugee Admissions Program.

### III. ARGUMENT

### A. This Court's Preliminary Injunction Remains In Effect

Under settled law, this Court's preliminary injunction remains in effect unless it is altered by this Court or an appellate court, or until a final judgment on the merits. See ECF No. 78 at 4 ("[T]he Court agrees that the Ninth Circuit has construed the TRO as a preliminary injunction."); U.S. Philips Corp. v. KBC Bank N.V., 590 F.3d 1091, 1094 (9th Cir. 2010) ("[T]he very purpose of a preliminary injunction . . . is to preserve the status quo and the rights of the parties until a final judgment issues." (citing Univ. of Texas v. Camenisch, 451 U.S. 390, 395 (1981))). "The 'purpose of a preliminary injunction is to preserve the status quo ante litem pending a determination of the action on the merits.'" Boardman v. Pac. Seafood Grp., 822 F.3d 1011, 1024 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting Sierra Forest Legacy v. Rey, 577 F.3d 1015, 1023 (9th Cir. 2009)). "'Status quo ante litem' refers to 'the last uncontested status which preceded the pending controversy.'" Boardman, 822 F.3d at 1024 (quoting GoTo.com, Inc. v. Walt Disney Co., 202 F.3d 1199, 1210 (9th Cir. 2000)). Until then, "neither the plaintiff nor the court should be subjected to the unnecessary burden of re-establishing what has once been decided." Sys. Fed'n No. 91, Ry. Emp. Dep't, AFL-CIO v. Wright, 364 U.S. 642, 647 (1961).

### B. This Court Has Broad Authority to Enforce Its Injunction

"Courts possess the inherent authority to enforce their own injunctive decrees." Waffenschmidt v. MacKay, 763 F.2d 711, 716 (5th Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 1056 (1986) (citing United States v. Hall, 472 F.2d 261, 267 (5th Cir. 1972); Berry v. Midtown Serv.

Corp., 104 F.2d 107, 110 (2d Cir. 1939)), cited in Reebok Int'l Ltd. v. McLaughlin, 49 F.3d 1387, 1391 (9th Cir. 1995). "[A]n injunction often requires continuing supervision by the issuing court and always a continuing willingness to apply its powers and processes on behalf of the party who obtained that equitable relief." Sys. Fed'n No. 91, 364 U.S. at 647.

"'In deciding whether an injunction has been violated it is proper to observe the objects for which the relief was granted and to find a breach of the decree in a violation of the spirit of the injunction, even though its strict letter may not have been disregarded.'" *Inst. of Cetacean Research v. Sea Shepherd Conserv. Soc'y*, 774 F.3d 935, 949 (9th Cir. 2014) (quoting *John B. Stetson Co. v. Stephen L. Stetson Co.*, 128 F.2d 981, 983 (2d Cir. 1942)). A defendant cannot escape the district court's power to enforce its injunction through procedural mechanisms designed to insulate its actions from review. *See, e.g., Nehmer v. U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs*, 494 F.3d 846, 860 (9th Cir. 2007) ("[T]he VA cannot usurp the power of a district court to construe the provisions of an order it has issued or divest that court of its authority[.]"); *Movers Conference of Am. v. United States*, 251 F. Supp. 882, 885 (S.D. Cal. 1966) (holding that federal government should have sought modification of injunction rather than simply adopting revised policy that purported to address court's prior holding).

# C. Sections 6(a) and 2(c) of the Second Executive Order Are Covered by This Court's Prior Injunction

The Second Executive Order seeks to reinstate two policies that this Court already enjoined. Defendants have offered little justification for their attempt to reinstate these policies without court approval. Their attempts at justification fail, and the Court should enforce its injunction against Defendants' attempt to renew their enjoined conduct.

### 1. Sections 6(a) and 2(c) implement again conduct that this Court enjoined

When a court orders a defendant to stop certain conduct, the defendant cannot proceed by stopping only some of the enjoined conduct. That is what Defendants attempt here. *See*,

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e.g., Second Executive Order § 1(c) (stating that it redeploys "critical provisions" of the First Executive Order).

This Court enjoined Section 5(a) of the First Executive Order, which suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days. Section 6(a) of the Second Executive Order reinstates a materially identical suspension of the program. It is true that Defendants responded to the Court's injunction by removing from the Second Executive Order three other refugee-related provisions in the First Executive Order (section 5(c)'s indefinite suspension of entry of Syrian refugees and the explicit religious preference in sections 5(b) and (e)). But removing those provisions and halting some of their unlawful conduct does not exempt Defendants from the injunction as to former Section 5(a).

Similarly, this Court enjoined Section 3(c) of the First Executive Order, which barred entry of individuals for 90 days from seven Muslim-majority countries. The Second Executive Order reprises this unconstitutional provision in Section (2)(c). While the Second Executive Order now excludes Iraqis, lawful permanent residents, and visa-holders from its travel ban, it bars entry for virtually all other individuals from the listed countries, including: relatives of U.S. citizens; students who have been admitted to state universities but not yet received visas; prospective employees of state universities or private businesses who have been offered positions but not yet obtained visas; and students and employees who may need to renew their visas. All of these individuals (and the institutions that wish to admit or hire them) are protected by this Court's injunction, but are nonetheless targeted and harmed by the Second Executive Order.

# 2. Defendants' cursory justifications for reinstating these policies in the face of the Court's injunction fail

Defendants offer little explanation for their claim that "[t]his Court's injunctive order does not limit the Government's ability to immediately begin enforcing the [Second] Executive Order." ECF No. 108 at 14. But the bare-bones justifications they do offer fail entirely.

## a. Renumbering a policy does not allow enjoined conduct

Defendants first point out that this "Court's injunctive order, by its terms, applied only to specific sections of Executive Order No. 13,769." ECF No. 108 at 14. But injunctions operate against actions and policies, not against numbers on a page; a defendant cannot evade the force of an injunction by renumbering the policy enjoined. *See, e.g., Inst. of Cetacean Research*, 774 F.3d at 949; *Innovation Ventures, LLC v. N2G Distrib., Inc.*, No. 08-CV-10983, 2013 WL 2145677, at \*6 (E.D. Mich. May 15, 2013) (holding defendants in contempt for making only "minor changes" to enjoined conduct in an effort "to hide from and avoid [their] obligations under this Court's order"), *aff'd*, 763 F.3d 524 (6th Cir. 2014); *Potter v. Dist. of Columbia*, Nos. 01-1189-JR, 05-1792-JR, 2007 WL 2892685, \*2 (D.D.C. Sept. 28, 2007) (confirming that preliminary injunction of employer's "grooming policy," which required firefighters to be clean-shaven, also enjoined subsequent "safety policy," which forbade certain workers to have facial hair); *McCarty Corp. v. Rice*, No. 89-2668-OG, 1989 WL 201077, at \*1 (D.D.C. Dec. 22, 1989) (enforcing preliminary injunction against Defendants' proposed actions that were "inconsistent with the injunctive order still in effect"). The key question is whether some of the enjoined policies or conduct continue, and here they plainly do.

# b. Exempting permanent residents and visa-holders does not remove the enjoined provisions from the scope of the injunction

Defendants next point out that the Second Executive Order "does not apply to legal permanent residents or to holders of valid visas," unlike the first order. ECF No. 108 at 14. Defendants seem to be asserting that this change undermines the holdings of this Court and the Ninth Circuit as to due process and standing. This argument fails for at least three reasons.

First, as to due process, the Ninth Circuit explicitly rejected Defendants' argument that due process protected only lawful permanent residents and visa-holders. *Washington*, 847 F.3d at 1166 (noting that even if these groups were excluded from the First Executive Order, "the States would continue to have potential claims regarding possible due process rights of"

others, including visa "applicants who have a relationship with a U.S. resident or an institution that might have rights of its own to assert"). And even if the Ninth Circuit had not made that clear, Defendants cannot now attack the scope of this Court's injunction given that a motion to enforce an injunction "does not open to reconsideration the legal or factual basis of the order alleged to have been disobeyed." *Sheet Metal Workers v. EEOC*, 478 U.S. 421, 441 n.21 (1986).

Second, even if these revisions did undermine the due process claims, those claims were not the only substantial basis for the injunction. This Court, the Ninth Circuit, and other courts have all found that states' Establishment Clause and equal protection claims based on improper religious intent are quite strong. *See*, *e.g.*, ECF No. 52 at 4; *Washington*, 847 F.3d at 1168 ("The States' [Establishment Clause and Equal Protection] claims raise serious allegations and present significant constitutional questions."); *Aziz*, 2017 WL 580855, at \*8 (same). And Defendants have not shown that the discriminatory motives that played a part in the First Executive Order somehow disappeared in adopting nearly identical provisions of the Second Executive Order. *See Aziz*, 2017 WL 580855, at \*8 ("the world is not made brand new every morning") (quoting *McCreary Cty. v. ACLU*, 545 U.S. 844, 866 (2005)). Indeed, senior Administration officials have reiterated that Defendants' current motivations are no different than the first time around.<sup>4</sup> And the evidence that has appeared since the Court's initial injunction only further demonstrates that Defendants' purported national security motivations for issuing the executive orders are pretextual.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See ECF No. 113-5 at 3 (Second Executive Order designed to achieve "the same basic policy outcome"); see also ECF No. 113-6 at 16 ("[I]f you think about it, the principles of the executive order remain the same."); Peacock v. Duval, 694 F.2d 644, 646 (9th Cir. 1982) (holding "post hoc rationalizations" cannot prevent a "searching inquiry" into the motives behind alleged constitutional violations).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See ECF No. 113-9 at 1 ("Key Finding[]" by Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis that "country of citizenship is unlikely to be a reliable indicator of potential terrorist activity"); ECF No. 113-10 at 1 ("Key Judgment[]" of same office that "most foreign-born, US-based extremists likely radicalized several years after their entry to the United States, limiting the ability of screening and vetting officials to prevent their entry because of national security concerns"). The Administration's rejection of intelligence reports that conflict with its preferred outcome only adds to the mountain of motive evidence already present in

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Third, as to standing, state standing to enforce the injunction is plain for multiple reasons: (a) "A party that obtains a judgment in its favor acquires a 'judicially cognizable' interest in ensuring compliance with that judgment." Salazar v. Buono, 559 U.S. 700, 712, (2010) (plurality opinion) (citing Allen v. Wright, 468 U.S. 737, 763 (1984)). (b) Neither this Court nor the Ninth Circuit found that the States had standing solely to address the claims of lawful permanent residents or visaholders—both courts found broader standing than that. See ECF No. 52 at 4-5 (citing "injury to the States' operations, tax bases, and public funds," to "their public universities," and to the States' "residents" without reference to their immigration status); Washington, 847 F.3d at 1159-61 (finding that the States had at least proprietary standing because "(1) the Executive Order prevents nationals of seven countries from entering [the States]; (2) as a result, some of these people will not enter state universities, some will not join those universities as faculty, some will be prevented from performing research, and some will not be permitted to return if they leave," all of which remains true). (c) Finally, even if a new standing inquiry were appropriate, the proposed Second Amended Complaint and roughly fifty new declarations document substantial harms from the Second Executive Order to states' proprietary, parens patriae, and sovereign interests. States would thus plainly have standing to challenge the Second Executive Order even if this Court had not already enjoined the provisions at issue.

# c. Possible waivers do not exempt the Second Executive Order from the injunction

Defendants also seek to treat the Second Executive Order's waiver provisions as a getout-of-jail free card, but materially identical waiver provisions applied to the First Executive Order. *Compare* First Executive Order §§ 3(g), 5(e), *with* Second Executive Order §§ 3(c), 6(a). As before, waivers, if any, will be granted exclusively at Defendants' discretion. *See* Second Executive Order § 3(c) (identifying circumstances where a case-by-case waiver "could"

this case. See ECF No. 113-11 at 2 (lamentation by senior Administration official that "[t]his is not the intelligence assessment the president asked for").

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be appropriate") (emphasis added). And, unlike almost all other provisions in the Second Executive Order—which instruct federal agencies to submit detailed reports on their progress, implement "uniform screening and vetting standards," and issue appropriate "directives"—the waiver provisions carry no such procedural requirements. Given the overlap between the waiver provisions in the First and Second orders, there is no basis to revisit the Ninth Circuit's rejection of Defendants' argument that the "waiver provisions are a sufficient safety valve." Washington, 847 F.3d at 1169.

### d. Defendants' cited cases do not allow them to ignore the injunction

Defendants cite *Fusari v. Steinberg*, 419 U.S. 379 (1975), and *Diffenderfer v. Central Baptist Church of Miami, Fla., Inc.*, 404 U.S. 412 (1972), for the proposition that the Second Executive Order "falls outside of this Court's injunction" because it is substantially different from the now-revoked First Executive Order. ECF No. 108 at 14. But *Fusari* and *Diffenderfer* provide no authority for that proposition.

In *Fusari*, a district court held that aspects of Connecticut's unemployment compensation scheme violated due process and enjoined the state from denying benefits under that scheme, but it stayed its injunction pending appeal. While the case was on appeal, the legislature "completely altered" the challenged system. *Fusari*, 419 U.S. at 379-80, 384-85. The Supreme Court expressed no opinion about the injunction, which was stayed in any event. Instead it declined to rule in the first instance on the constitutionality of the "completely altered" scheme, remanding to the trial court for "reconsideration in light of the intervening changes in Connecticut law." *Id.* at 389-90. The case is an example of appellate restraint; it says nothing about a district court's ability to enforce its own injunction in the face of a defendant's attempt to reinstate enjoined policies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Cf. Second Executive Order § 2(b) (report on worldwide review); § 2(e) (recommendations); § 2(g) (joint report); § 5(a) ("implement a program"); § 5(b) (reports at 60, 100, and 200 days of the order); § 6(a) (review and implement procedures); § 7 (reconsider certain authority, directives, and guidance); § 8(b) (periodic reports at 100, 180, 200, and 365 days); § 11(a)-(b) (collect and publish information every 180 days).

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*Diffenderfer* is even less relevant. It did not involve an injunction at all and simply held that changes to state law while the appeal was pending rendered the case moot, an argument that Defendants have not advanced and could not plausibly advance here. 404 U.S. at 414-15.

In short, none of the rationales that Defendants have offered show that Sections 2(c) and 6(a) of the Second Executive Order should be allowed to evade this Court's injunction.

### IV. CONCLUSION

Defendants unilaterally declare that "[t]his Court's injunctive order does not limit the Government's ability to immediately begin enforcing the New Executive Order." ECF No. 108 at 14. Defendants are incorrect. The Court should enforce its preliminary injunction and confirm that it restrains Defendants from implementing Sections 2(c) and 6(a) of the Second Executive Order, which reinstate provisions of the First Executive Order already enjoined by the Court. In light of Defendants' announced plan to implement the Second Executive Order on March 16, the undersigned respectfully request that the Court order a response and set a hearing for March 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> To the extent Defendants mean to imply that they have mooted the entire injunction by revising some of the enjoined provisions, they are mistaken. *Compare* Second Executive Order § 1(i) ("revoking" and "replacing" the First Executive Order), *with Ne. Fla. Chapter of Associated Gen. Contractors of Am. v. City of Jacksonville*, 508 U.S. 656, 660-62 (1993) (concluding controversy was not moot where City "repealed" and "replaced" challenged ordinance, though new ordinance differed in certain respects from the prior one, because it disadvantaged complainants "in the same fundamental way"); *see also Rosenstiel v. Rodriguez*, 101 F.3d 1544, 1548 (8th Cir. 1996) ("The Supreme Court has held that where a new statute 'is sufficiently similar to the repealed [statute] that it is permissible to say that the challenged conduct continues' the controversy is not mooted by the change . . . .") (alteration in original) (quoting *Ne. Fla. Chapter of Associated Gen. Contractors*, 508 U.S. at 662 n.3); *Smith v. Exec. Dir. of Ind. War Mem'ls Comm'n*, 742 F.3d 282, 287 (7th Cir. 2014) ("When a challenged policy is repealed or amended mid-lawsuit—a 'recurring problem when injunctive relief is sought'—the case is not moot if a substantially similar policy has been instituted or is likely to be instituted.") (quoting *ADT Sec. Servs., Inc. v. Lisle-Woodridge Fire Prot. Dist.*, 724 F.3d 854, 864 (7th Cir. 2013)).

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