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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNE LOPEZ WINS TEMPORARY BLOCK ON
MASS FIRINGS OF FEDERAL PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES; FIRED
EMPLOYEES GET THEIR JOBS BACK**

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HONOLULU – Attorney General Anne Lopez issued the following statement after a federal judge in the United States District Court for Maryland issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) for 18 federal agencies, ordering them to stop the illegal mass layoffs of federal probationary employees and to reinstate fired employees by 1:00pm (ET) on Monday, March 17, 2025.

“President Trump blindsided the states when he fired thousands of federal probationary employees without giving them the 60-day notice required by law. He jeopardized these employees’ financial security and risked overwhelming the states’ ability to help those who were out of work.

“This ruling not only requires the Trump administration to stop these indiscriminate and unlawful layoffs but also orders it to undo the harm inflicted across the country by restoring the jobs of hardworking federal employees.

“These mass firings reflect a disregard for both the law and the essential role of the civil service in maintaining government stability. Our office is committed to upholding the rule

of law and will take every necessary legal step to ensure compliance with this court order.”

The TRO comes seven days after Attorney General Lopez joined a coalition of 20 attorneys general in suing numerous federal agencies for causing irreparable injuries to the plaintiff states. The TRO stops the unlawful mass firings, orders the agencies to give those employees their jobs back, and applies to the following 18 federal agencies:

Department of Agriculture	Department of Transportation
Department of Commerce	Department of Treasury
Department of Education	Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Energy	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Department of Health and Human Services	Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Homeland Security	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Department of Housing and Urban Development	General Services Administration
Department of Interior	Small Business Administration
Department of Labor	United States Agency for International Development

The state of Hawai'i is represented in this matter by Solicitor General Kaliko'onālani Fernandes and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Dave Day.

Information on the original lawsuit can be found [here](#).

Attorney General Lopez was joined by the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.

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