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### **Federal Employee Unions Prevail Against Illegal Trump Executive Orders**

Washington, D.C. – Late Friday, a coalition of 13 federal labor unions lauded the decision issued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia regarding the overreach of three Executive Orders issued by President Trump on July 25, 2018.

“The coalition argued successfully that a majority of the three Executive Orders violated statutory law, thereby violating the rights of federal employees,” stated Federal Workers Alliance (FWA) Co-chair Sarah Suszczyk. “We are very pleased that the court agreed that the President far exceeded his authority, and that the apolitical career federal workforce shall be protected from these illegal, politically motivated Executive Orders.”

The lawsuit filed by the coalition on June 13, 2018, prevailed on its merits; the only lawsuit of four filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that challenged all three Executive Orders. On May 30, the American Federation of Federal Employees (AFGE) filed a lawsuit challenging one of the Executive Orders that addressed union official time. On June 1, the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) filed a lawsuit challenging two of the Executive Orders in the Eastern District of Virginia but withdrew and later filed in U.S. District Court for D.C. On June 5, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) filed an intervenor action into the lawsuit previously filed by AFGE.

The judge rendering the decision, U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, ordered the President’s subordinates within the Executive Branch be enjoined (i.e., prohibited) from implementing or enacting the provisions challenged by the union coalition.

“I am very proud of the way that 13 federal labor unions came together to stand up for working Americans who serve their country every day,” stated Randy Erwin, FWA Co-chair. “I want to thank our joint legal team for their hard work driving our excellent legal strategy, and my deep gratitude to our litigators Richard Hirn and Suzanne Summerlin for their brilliant representation during the four-hour hearing in July. Labor stands strong when we stand together.”

The 13 coalition unions who litigated under the comprehensive lawsuit covering all three Executive Orders are listed as: the Federal Education Association/National Education Association (FEA/NEA), International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), International Federation of

Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (MEBA), Metal Trades Department AFL-CIO (MTD), National Association of Government Employees SEIU (NAGE), National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), National Labor Relations Board Professional Association (NLRBPA), National Labor Relations Board Union (NLRBU), National Weather Service Employees Organization (NWSEO), Patent Office Professional Association (POPA), and the Seafarers International Union of North America (SIU).

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