

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

PETE HEGSETH, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-883 (JEB)

**ORDER**

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, the Court  
ORDERS that:

1. Plaintiff's [19] Motion for a Preliminary Injunction is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART;
2. Agency-head Defendants shall promptly notify Acting Archivist Rubio of any Signal chats of which they are aware that contain federal records at risk of impending deletion, see 44 U.S.C. § 3106(a);
3. Rubio shall promptly "request the Attorney General to initiate" "an action for . . . recovery or other redress" to preserve any at-risk federal records in such chats and "notify the Congress when such a request has been made," id. § 3106(b); and
4. The Government shall file a status report by June 27, 2025, indicating the steps it has taken to comply with this Order.

/s/ James E. Boasberg  
JAMES E. BOASBERG  
Chief Judge

Date: June 20, 2025