

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
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STATE OF MISSOURI, et al., )  
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 Plaintiffs, )  
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 v. ) Case No. 4:24-cv-00520-JAR  
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 DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity )  
 as President of the United States, LINDA )  
 McMAHON, in her official capacity as )  
 Secretary of Education,<sup>1</sup> and UNITED STATES )  
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, )  
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 Defendants. )

**ORDER**

On June 24, 2024, the Court granted in part and denied in part Plaintiffs’ motion to stay or, in the alternative, a preliminary injunction (ECF No. 25), and the Court issued a preliminary injunction preventing Defendants from any further loan forgiveness under the Final Rule’s<sup>2</sup> SAVE plan until the Court can decide the issue on the merits (ECF No. 26). On June 27, 2024, Defendants filed an interlocutory appeal (ECF No. 27), and on June 28, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a cross appeal (ECF No. 42).

On February 18, 2025, the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals issued its judgment affirming the Court’s preliminary injunction and remanding the case for further proceedings “with instructions to modify the preliminary injunction to enjoin the entire SAVE Rule as well as the

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<sup>1</sup> President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of Education Linda McMahon are substituted as parties in this matter under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 25\(d\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [88 Fed. Reg. 43,820](#) “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.”


hybrid rule” in accordance with the Circuit Court’s opinion issued that same day. ECF Nos. 65 and 66. On April 11, 2025, the mandate issued. ECF No. 68.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendants are preliminarily enjoined from implementing the Final Rule’s SAVE plan and the hybrid rule that was implemented following the Court’s previous preliminary injunction until such time as this Court can decide the case on the merits.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, on or before **May 5, 2025**, the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court of the outstanding matters in this case and shall submit a joint proposed scheduling plan for the remainder of this litigation.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2025.

  
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**JOHN A. ROSS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**