

## **TIMELINE OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DEFIANCE OF FEDERAL COURT ORDERS TO UNFREEZE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**January 20:** President Trump issued an executive order directing a wholesale “pause” of congressionally appropriated foreign-assistance funding.

**February 10:** Representing AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC) and Journalism Development Network (JDN), Public Citizen filed suit seeking relief from the Trump Administration’s actions that—illegally and unconscionably—froze funding and work related to nearly every United States foreign assistance mission.

**February 12:** Public Citizen filed a motion for a temporary restraining order, asking the court to order that funding be restored as the litigation proceeds, in light of the severe harm caused to AVAC and JDN, and the devastating consequences for people in need.

**February 13:** The district court issued an order granting the motion and enjoining enforcement of the funding freeze while the case proceeds. The court’s temporary restraining order (TRO) required the government to preserve the status quo that had prevailed prior to the executive order.

**February 18:** The government files a court-ordered status report, in which it reveals that it has not complied with the TRO.

**February 20:** Responding to a motion to enforce the TRO, the district court entered an order directing the government to promptly comply. The government took no steps toward compliance.

**February 22:** In response to the government’s motion for “clarification,” the district court again made clear that the government was to suspend the foreign-assistance freeze. The government took no steps toward compliance.

**February 25:** The court entered yet another order, this time identifying specific steps toward compliance that the government was required to take by 11:59pm on February 26. The government seeks to immediately stay that order, and the court denies that request.

**February 26:** The government asked a federal appeals court to block the district court’s order to comply with the TRO. The appeals court rejects the government’s motion. The government appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court.