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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF OREGON**  
**EUGENE DIVISION**

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Case No.: 6:25-cv-01748-AA

Plaintiff(s),

v.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,

Defendant(s).

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Please take notice that Defendants hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from this Court's Opinion & Order entered October 27, 2025, *see* ECF No. 81, granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, *see* ECF No. 2.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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