

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RUSSELL VOUGHT, in his official
capacity as Director of the Office of
Management and Budget, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 26-cv-1566

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendants respectfully provide notice that they hereby appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit this Court's Opinion and Order dated July 21, 2026, ECF No. 91, denying Defendants' motion to transfer this case to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Dated: September 18, 2026

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