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Trump unleashes unhinged tirade saying he will defy the Court as plaintiffs double down in federal SNAP funding case

Columbus joins plaintiffs in filing additional motion urging Court to order full November benefits to 42 million Americans or rule that partial payments violate the law

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today reacted to several unhinged social media posts by President Donald Trump, who contradicted [court filings](#) made by his own administration after a federal district court [granted emergency relief](#) in a lawsuit brought by Columbus and other plaintiffs challenging the administration's inaction on food assistance benefits.

The president now claims his administration will not fund any SNAP benefits until the end of the government shutdown—a violation of the federal court order and a direct contradiction to the filings his own USDA officials made with the court just over 24 hours ago, which stated the administration is moving forward with using \$4.65 billion in contingency funds to make partial November payments to SNAP recipients.

In response to this 50 percent reduction in benefits, plaintiffs today doubled down on their efforts to provide relief to hungry Americans and filed a motion asking the Court to either enforce the order and require full payment of November SNAP benefits or to issue a new order finding that making only a partial payment violates the Administrative Practices Act.

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein issued a statement on today's developments:

“Either the president is confused or he’s unaware of the actions his administration is taking. But more concerning is the fact that President Trump—who’s never known what it’s like to struggle to put food on the table—is perfectly content weaponizing hunger against 42 million Americans. His contempt for the poor is utterly cruel and beneath even his low bar for the presidency.

“As an elected leader, an American, and person of faith, I believe we have a moral obligation to feed the hungry. You shouldn’t need a

court order to feed people. That's why Columbus is joining other plaintiffs to double down on our calls to urge the Court to require the administration to release the funds so that families can put food on their table or issue a new order finding the administration in violation of the law for refusing to pay out full benefits.

"We await the Court's response and stand ready to use every tool we have to hold this lawless president accountable and to deliver on the benefits owed to thousands of residents and families here in Columbus."