

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PATSY WIDAKUSWARA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

–v.–

KARI LAKE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-1015-RCL

PLAINTIFFS’ NOTICE TO THE COURT

Following an announcement by Defendant Kari Lake on the social media website X, USAGM notified employees today that it was renewing the Deferred Resignation Program (DRP), whereby employees can elect to resign from their position at USAGM now and immediately cease “in-person work requirements” but continue receiving pay until September 5 of this year. The DRP email paired this offer with the Agency’s caveat that its “**RIF noticed in August 2025 is currently suspended due to court order, and the Agency still intends to carry out a significant RIF** as soon as [it is] able.” The notice also provides a March 9 deadline for employees to accept or reject the offer, which is a mere seven business days.

Defendants’ threat to carry out a significant RIF in order to induce current employees to resign is concerning and merits this Court’s attention. Plaintiffs’ joint motion for summary judgment on their APA claims is fully briefed, and the *Widakuswara* Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment on their Appointments Clause and FVRA claims will be fully briefed by March 3 when Defendants file their final reply brief.

Should the Court feel it is in a position to rule on either of the pending motions on or before March 9, a decision from this Court could significantly influence employee decisionmaking by providing valuable information before the deadline to respond.

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