

United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

No. 25-2184

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES; AMERICAN COUNCIL ON
EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES;
ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS ON BEHALF OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY;
BROWN UNIVERSITY; CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; THE REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ACTING BY AND THROUGH COLORADO
STATE UNIVERSITY; CORNELL UNIVERSITY; THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS; THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK; MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY;
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER
EDUCATION; UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

v.

US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; PETE HEGSETH, in the official capacity as Secretary of
the US Department of Defense,

Defendants - Appellants.

MANDATE

Entered: February 18, 2026

In accordance with the judgment of February 18, 2026, and pursuant to Federal Rule of
Appellate Procedure 41(a), this constitutes the formal mandate of this Court.

By the Court:

Anastasia Dubrovsky, Clerk

cc:

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