



the motion. On March 19, 2026, the Association of American Universities and various other national higher-education associations moved to file a brief as *amici curiae*, which the Court granted. The Court then held a hearing on March 24, 2026, and issued a brief further temporary restraining order extending the time period to April 6, 2026, for the 17 named plaintiffs and their constituent institutions.

The next day, on March 25, 2026, the Association of American Universities filed a motion to intervene and a motion for a temporary restraining order. On March 30, 2026, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts also filed a motion to intervene and a motion for a temporary restraining order. On March 31, 2026, the Court issued a temporary restraining order extending the deadline for the proposed plaintiff-intervenors to April 14, 2026, and scheduled a hearing on those motions for April 13, 2026.

On April 3, 2026, the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, Maine Independent Colleges Association, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities filed a motion to intervene and a motion for a temporary restraining order.

Later that day, the Court preliminarily enjoined defendants from enforcing any deadline for compliance with the ACTS survey against the 17 current plaintiffs pending further order of the Court or trial on the merits.

On April 6, 2026, Barnard College, Bryn Mawr College, Middlebury College, Sarah Lawrence College, Swarthmore College, and Vassar College (collectively, “Independent College Group”) filed a motion to intervene and a motion for a temporary restraining order. The Court then issued a temporary restraining order extending the deadline for the new proposed plaintiff-intervenors to April 14, 2026.

The Court held a hearing on all proposed plaintiff-intervenors' motions to intervene and motions for a temporary restraining order on April 13, 2026. Defendants did not oppose the motions to intervene, and the Court granted those motions. As stated at the hearing, plaintiff-intervenors' motions for a temporary restraining order will be treated as ones seeking a preliminary injunction or stay of agency action during the pendency of the litigation.

For good cause shown, and in order to provide an opportunity for supplemental briefing and to permit orderly resolution of the issues, the Court hereby issues a temporary restraining order (a) extending the deadline to complete the ACTS survey for the plaintiff-intervenors and their constituent institutions of higher education through April 24, 2026, and (b) restraining defendants from enforcing the deadlines of March 18, 2026, March 31, 2026, or April 8, 2026, against those institutions, without prejudice to the issuance of such other preliminary relief as justice may require.

**So Ordered.**

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts  
April 13, 2026, 3:10 p.m.

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV  
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United States District Court Judge