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To the Honorable Judge James Robart:

We, the Associated Students of Whitman College, and the undersigned students, staff, faculty, and administrators, wish to express our gratitude for your fair and thoughtful consideration in the case of the *State of Washington et al. v. Donald Trump et al.* By granting a restraining order, you have preserved the rights of residents as well as the rights and powers of the states of Washington and Minnesota. The weight of such intervention can perhaps only fully be known by those most intimately affected by the administration's action. Regardless of our degree of proximity to this event, we appreciate the judicial and ethical significance of this intervention.

It is with further appreciation that we note the ways in which your judicial actions ensure that the civil rights and liberties of those persons affected are and shall remain deep-seated within the definition of the "public interest." The unsettling rhetoric and activities of which this administration's action is representative, makes the affirmation of the people's rights all the more critical. Your commitment to social justice reflects the values that we strive to uphold within the Whitman community and inspires us to hold ourselves to a higher standard.

To that end, we thank you for your steadfast commitment to our democratic principles. Know that you have the respect and admiration of your Alma Mater.

Warmly,

[The Associated Students of Whitman College](#)

P.s. We loved your Whitman-colored bow tie... come visit soon!