

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES
UNION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RUSSELL VOUGHT, in his official
capacity as Acting Director of the Consumer
Financial Protection Bureau, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-00381-ABJ

AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING

Pursuant to this Court's Minute Order of February 20, 2025, Defendants hereby file true and correct copies of the following documents:

- February 3, 2025 email, "Instructions from Acting Director"
- February 8, 2025 email, "Directives on Bureau Activities"
- February 9, 2025 email, "Please Read: DC Headquarters Building Operating Status (2/10-2/14)"
- February 10, 2025 email, "Additional Directives on Bureau Activities" (redaction added)

Dated: February 21, 2025

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From: [CFPB_OfficeOfTheDirector](#)
To: [_DL_CFPB_AllHands](#); [_DL_CFPB_AllHands_Contractors](#)
Subject: Instructions from Acting Director
Date: Monday, February 3, 2025 10:59:59 AM

Colleagues,

Secretary of the Treasury Bessent has been named Acting Director of the CFPB, effective January 31, 2025. As Acting Director, Secretary Bessent is committed to appropriately stewarding the agency pending new leadership. In order to promote consistency with the goals of the Administration, effective immediately, unless expressly approved by the Acting Director or required by law, all employees, contractors, and other personnel of the Bureau are directed:

- Not to approve or issue any proposed or final rules or formal or informal guidance.
- To suspend the effective dates of all final rules that have been issued or published but that have not yet become effective.
- Not to commence, take additional investigative activities related to, or settle enforcement actions.
- Not to issue public communications of any type, including publication of research papers.
- Not to approve or execute any material agreements, including related to employee matters or contractors.
- Not to make or approve filings or appearances by the Bureau in any litigation, other than to seek a pause in proceedings.

If you have any questions, please raise issues through your existing management for consideration by the Acting Director.

Thank you.

From: [Vought, Russell](#)
To: [DL_CFPB_AllHands](#)
Subject: Directives on Bureau Activities
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 8:50:28 PM

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored that President Trump designated me as Acting Director of the Bureau on February 7, 2025. As Acting Director, I am committed to implementing the President's policies, consistent with the law, and acting as a faithful steward of the Bureau's resources. To that end, I am directing that, effective immediately, unless expressly approved by the Acting Director or required by law, all employees, contractors, and other personnel of the Bureau shall:

- Not approve or issue any proposed or final rules or formal or informal guidance.
- Suspend the effective dates of all final rules that have been issued or published but that have not yet become effective.
- Not commence, take additional investigative activities related to, or settle enforcement actions.
- Not open any new investigation in any manner, and cease any pending investigations.
- Not issue public communications of any type, including publication of research papers and compliance bulletins.
- Not approve or execute any material agreements, including related to employee matters or contractors.
- Not make or approve filings or appearances by the Bureau in any litigation, other than to seek a pause in proceedings.
- Cease all supervision and examination activity.
- Cease all stakeholder engagement.

If you have any questions, please raise issues through your existing management for consideration by the Acting Director.

Thank you.

Russell T. Vought

From: [Martinez, Adam \(CFPB\)](#)
To: [DL CFPB AllHands](#)
Subject: Please Read: DC Headquarters Building Operating Status (2/10-2/14)
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 1:39:00 PM

(This message is for DC Headquarters Staff and Contractors)

Dear Colleagues:

The DC Headquarters Building will be closed this week (2/10-2/14). Employees and contractors are to work remotely unless instructed otherwise from our Acting Director or his designee.

Thank you.

Adam

Adam Martinez
Chief Operating Officer

From: [Vought, Russell](#)
To: [DL CFPB AllHands](#)
Subject: Additional Directives on Bureau Activities
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:30:43 AM

Good morning, CFPB staff,

As you have been informed by the Chief Operating Officer in an email yesterday, the Bureau's DC headquarters building is closed this week. Employees should not come into the office. Please do not perform any work tasks. If there are any urgent matters, please alert me through Mark Paoletta, Chief Legal Officer, to get approval in writing before performing any work task. His email is [REDACTED]. Otherwise, employees should stand down from performing any work task. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Best,

Russ Vought

Acting Director

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection