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# Appeals panel partially lifts order that let CFPB layoffs inch forward

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A Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) logo is seen in the lobby of its building in Washington on Feb. 10, 2025.

A federal appeals court panel on Monday blocked the Trump administration from moving forward with mass layoffs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), partially lifting a previous order construed as greenlighting the major cuts.

The panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit revoked its order allowing the administration to conduct reductions in force of employees if a “particularized assessment” determined their roles were unnecessary for the agency to perform its statutorily required duties.

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The Trump administration took that p  
roughly 90 percent of CFPB’s staff, b  
occurred.

“Given these ongoing disputes, we think it best to restore the interim protection of paragraph (3) of the preliminary injunction, which ensures that plaintiffs can receive meaningful final relief should the defendants not prevail in this appeal, rather than continue collateral litigation over the meaning and reviewability of the ‘particularized

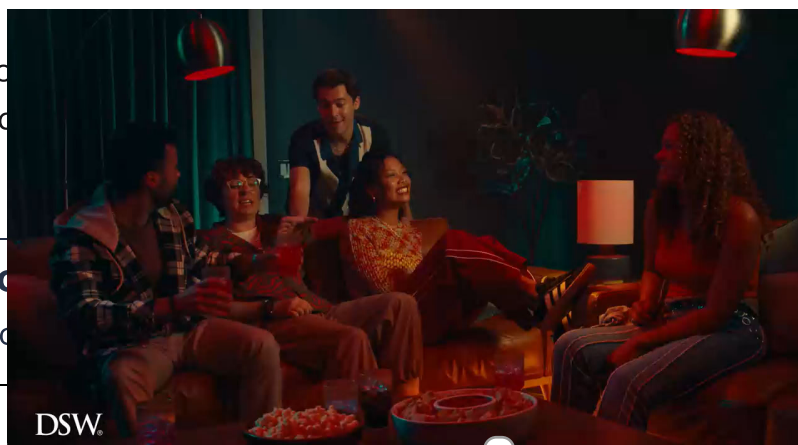
Administration officials are [set to appear before U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson](#) this week, as she considers whether the reduction in force violated her earlier order enjoining the administration from dismantling the agency.

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Officials contended that they were forced to lay off employees who were laid out by the appeals court. The record shows that the agency laid out employees.



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by the decisionmaker responsible for the reduction in force.

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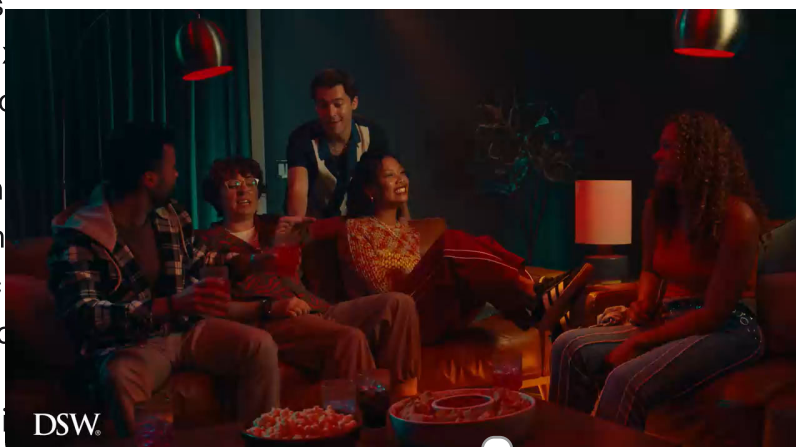
Despite that, they agreed to let the portion of Jackson's injunction barring any major staff reductions to remain in effect while the appeal moves forward.

Judge [Neomi Rao](#), an appointee of President Trump, wrote in a dissenting opinion that the panel's decision barred leadership of the CFPB from abiding by Trump's directive to cut back the agency.

"The district court overstepped our s  
error, today's order hamstring the E  
until the merits of the appeal are resc

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The judges wrote in the order that th  
position by [expediting its appeal](#), wh  
There they will consider whether Jac  
executive — but not before, they said



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CFPB Director Russell Vought took charge and ordered employees to halt all work.  
Jackson granted the union a preliminary injunction after the administration initially  
attempted to conduct mass layoffs.

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