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**LDF Encouraged by Order Halting Unlawful
National Guard Deployment in D.C**

Yesterday, a federal judge [issued](#) a preliminary injunction in *District of Columbia v. Trump*, temporarily halting President Trump's National Guard deployment in Washington D.C. as the case proceeds, indicating that this deployment was likely unlawful. The order will go into effect in 21 days unless there is an appeal.

In September, the [Legal Defense Fund \(LDF\)](#) filed an amicus brief urging the court to grant the preliminary injunction and prevent further harm to Black communities arising out of this military presence in the District.

The court's decision in this case follows a [pattern](#) of other federal courts issuing injunctions against National Guard [deployments](#) across the country given the likelihood they are [illegal](#) and unconstitutional.

In response, **LDF Director of Strategic Initiatives Jin Hee Lee** issued the following statement:

"The Trump administration's brazen use of military resources to occupy American cities has once again been declared unlawful. This is a critical victory for D.C. residents and the rule of law. No president in a functioning democracy has authority to use the nation's military to silence dissent and imperil cities based on fabricated crime emergencies. LDF will continue to oppose unlawful overreach of the federal government into the public safety affairs of local communities that place Black people in harm's way."

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