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WPATH Files Request for Preliminary Injunction in Effort to Stop Retaliatory FTC Investigation

Washington, D.C. – On February 25, 2026, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) filed a request for a preliminary injunction in an effort to stop the unlawful and retaliatory investigation brought forth by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The following update is provided:

“The FTC’s investigation continues to be part of an all-of-government campaign to undermine access to gender-affirming care and attack the First Amendment rights of medical organizations. WPATH is asking the court to grant a preliminary injunction so as to prevent further harm while our complaint against the FTC moves forward. The attacks by the FTC are part of a blatant attempt by the federal government to intervene in medical decision-making. The efforts of the FTC are a violation of the First Amendment and have already resulted in a chilling effect on the free expression of medical professionals across the country.

For more than 50 years, WPATH has been committed to developing guidelines informed by established scientific standards, expert consensus, and patient centered values. WPATH filed this request for a preliminary injunction to defend its First Amendment right, and that of the entire medical community, to develop standards and to engage in open professional and scientific dialogue without fear of retribution or government intervention.”

WPATH’s request for a preliminary injunction was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.. To view the filing, please visit the following link, [HERE](#).

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About WPATH: The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, interdisciplinary professional and educational organization devoted to transgender health. Our professional, supporting, and student members engage in academic research to develop evidence-based medicine and strive to promote a high quality of care for transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals internationally. We are funded primarily through the support of our membership, and through donations and grants sponsored by noncommercial sources.

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