IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
LEXINGTON DIVISION

Ramsi A. Woodcock,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No. 5:25-cv-00424-BJB

Eli Capilouto et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiff Ramsi A. Woodcock appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(a)(1), from portions of the Court's order of November 17, 2026 (DN 107), including the ruling announced at the November 17, 2026 status conference, and from any written opinion explaining that order. The order denied Woodcock's request for an order stopping the investigation and enjoining the University Officials from making any determination or taking any other disciplinary steps until the Court rules on his motions for a preliminary injunction, DN 106 at 3610, and continued the November 19, 2026 hearing on those motions, DN 19 and DN 97, to a date not yet set, which the Court indicated would be in early December. This order had the practical effect of refusing the injunction those motions request against any step in furtherance of the investigation, including findings, and against sanctions, charges and hearings.

Under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 3(c)(6), this appeal is limited to the refusal of the relief requested in item (c) of the motion for a preliminary injunction, which asks the Court to enjoin Defendants from "subjecting him to a disciplinary investigation for his constitutionally protected speech," DN 19-1 at 190; *see id.* at 215, and in items (1) through (3) of the supplemental motion, DN 97 at 3388. Together these requests ask the Court to bar any step in furtherance of the investigation,

the issuance of findings, the imposition of sanctions, and the issuance of charges or the convening of any hearing or other disciplinary proceeding arising from the investigation. The appeal does not include the relief requested in items (a) and (b) of DN 19 or item (4) of DN 97, or Woodcock's request for restoration to his teaching, research and service duties.

Date: November 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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