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Statement of Theodore J. Boutros, Jr., Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, counsel for *Playboy* White House correspondent Brian Karem

Today we filed a lawsuit against President Trump and Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham asking the federal district court in Washington, D.C. to order the immediate restoration of the press credentials of *Playboy* White House correspondent Brian Karem and to enjoin the ongoing violation of his First and Fifth Amendment rights. We are confident that the Administration's latest punitive and lawless action against a journalist will not stand, and we look forward to our day in court.