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Statement by news organizations in defense of press freedom

Freedom of the Press is a cornerstone of the US Constitution. The First Amendment protects the right of the press to report without fear of censorship or retaliation by those in power. It upholds the rights of the American people to be informed.

No news organization should be punished by the government for exercising its right to report, as successive court rulings have established over decades.

The decision to ban CNN, MSNOW and Politico from the White House sets a dangerous precedent, one in which the President decides what the American people can know and from whom they can know it.

We stand together as news organizations in our firm defense of a free press and in condemning any attempts to restrict their ability to report on the government.

Signed –

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