

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

OCT 2 2025

IN RE: OCTOBER 1, 2025, LAPSE  
OF GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Administrative Order 2025 - 2

**ORDER REGARDING CERTAIN BANKRUPTCY MATTERS  
INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES AS A LITIGANT OR PARTY**

This matter is before the Court due to the lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government, including the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee. Absent an appropriation, it appears that certain United States Department of Justice attorneys and employees of the federal government are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property." 31 U.S.C. § 1342.

The lapse in appropriations has resulted in a reduction in the workforce of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee and other federal agencies, including with respect to participation in bankruptcy cases. In an effort to address problems raised by the funding lapse without causing unnecessary harm to other parties involved in bankruptcy proceedings, the Court orders as follows:

1. Effective October 1, 2025, and until the end of the lapse in funding ("Suspension Period"), the required participation of the United States, including its agencies (but excluding the Office of the United States Trustee), officers, and employees, is temporarily stayed or suspended in bankruptcy proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code in certain very limited circumstances:

(a) If a proof of claim would be required to be filed by the United States during the Suspension Period or within 14 days thereafter, the deadline for filing such proof of claim is extended for 30 days after the end of the Suspension Period.

(b) If a deadline for the United States would otherwise expire during the Suspension Period or within 14 days thereafter, for objecting to discharge or requesting that a debt be declared nondischargeable, the deadline is extended for 30 days after the end of the Suspension Period.

(c) If a deadline would otherwise expire during the Suspension Period or within 14 days thereafter for a particular action to be taken in an adversary proceeding or a contested matter in which the United States is a specifically named party (as opposed to merely being potentially impacted along with other creditors in a case), the deadline is extended for 30 days after the end of the Suspension Period.

(d) If a hearing or trial is scheduled to occur in which the United States is a named party, and if proceeding with such hearing or trial would have a direct and substantial impact on the United States (such as entry of a judgment, disallowance of United States claim, or voiding of a United States lien), the Court will postpone the hearing to a date after the Suspension Period without the necessity of a motion being filed by the United States.

2. This Order shall have no effect on proceedings involving the United States Trustee, and any modification of the normal operations of the Court that affect the United States Trustee would be handled by separate motion and order.

3. Any litigant affected by this Order may seek relief from the Order by motion. The Court may, in any particular case, vary the effect or operation of this Order by a separate ruling. The Court may renew or modify this Order depending on developments in the Suspension Period

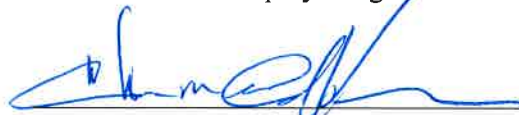
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 2, 2025



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Hon. Randal S. Mashburn  
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



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Hon. Charles M. Walker  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



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Hon. Nancy B. King  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge