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CPJ, SPJ, journalist groups call on Trump administration to restore AP access to White House

We, the undersigned coalition of journalism and press freedom organizations, express our deep concern regarding the White House's decision to bar Associated Press (AP) reporters from access to the Oval Office, Air Force One and other White House pool events.

AP provides essential reporting that is published by thousands of outlets across the United States and around the world, helping to keep millions informed on matters of national and international importance. U.S. newspapers, radio stations, and television broadcasters rely heavily on the AP's copy to deliver news to local communities. Barring AP effectively removes these media outlets' ability to deliver the news to the groups they serve.

Limiting AP's access to media pool events because of the news agency's editorial and style decisions stifles freedom of speech and violates the First Amendment. News organizations should be allowed to make editorial decisions without fear of retaliation from government officials.

We ask that the administration honor its commitment to freedom of expression, as outlined in President Donald Trump's [executive order](#), by restoring AP's access to White House events and ensuring the administration upholds a nonpartisan defense of a free press.

Signed by—

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Society of Professional Journalists

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