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# **Statement in response to Preliminary Injunction issued in Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council et al v. Department of Agriculture et al**

In response to Judge Mary McElroy's order granting a preliminary injunction, National Council of Nonprofits President and CEO Diane Yentel released the following statement:

"Today's decision to grant a preliminary injunction marks a critical victory for organizations that work tirelessly to improve our communities. It is a significant and promising step toward releasing Congressionally-approved and awarded funds appropriated under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

"When the National Council of Nonprofits joined the lawsuit against the administration, our goal was clear: to challenge an unlawful and arbitrary freeze of

funds that threatened critical on-the-ground services.

"This funding freeze has already caused serious harm in communities, as nonprofits that provide critical services to our country's most vulnerable have been forced to scale back operations, cancel projects, and consider laying off staff. This injunction offers much-needed relief and a path forward. We're grateful the court recognized the urgency of the situation and allowed these important funds to begin flowing once again.

"With this support, nonprofit organizations can continue doing what they do best: building stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities across the country."