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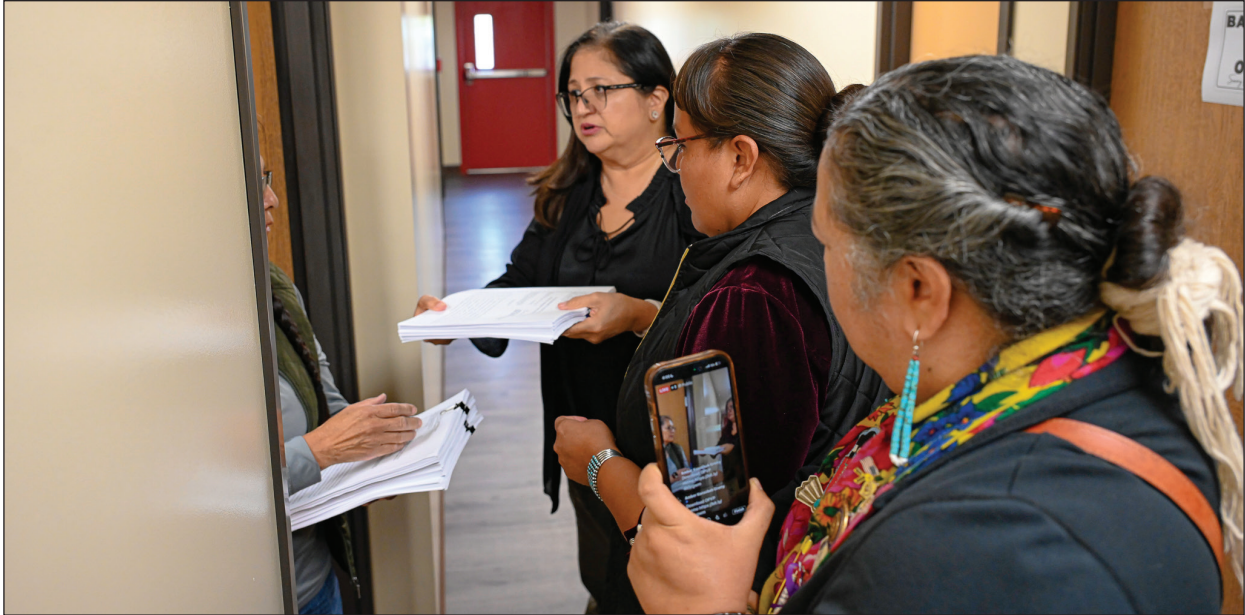
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Navajo Nation Council files for injunction and temporary restraining order to stop the attempted illegal removal of Controller McCabe and line-item vetoes impacting government operations



Speaker Curley filed legal documents in the Navajo Nation District Court seeking temporary restraining orders and permanent injunctive relief.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 25th Navajo Nation Council has filed legal documents in the Navajo Nation District Court seeking temporary restraining orders and permanent injunctive relief to prevent further harm resulting from Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren’s attempted removal of Controller Sean McCabe and his recent line-item vetoes of statutory operational funding for essential government functions.

The Council’s filing asserts that the President’s termination letter to Controller McCabe has no legal effect and violates 12 N.N.C. § 202(B), and that the President did not have the authority to terminate a Controller that works at the pleasure of the Council.

Additionally, the filing challenges the President’s recent line-item vetoes of funding provisions within the Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget, which the Council argues have jeopardized essential government services and disrupted operations that ultimately benefit the Navajo people.

President Nygren line-item vetoed vast amounts of operational funding for the Legislative Branch, and repeatedly defunded the Navajo Nation Youth Council.

“The Council has a duty to safeguard the stability of the Navajo Nation government and uphold the laws of Nation,” said Speaker Crystalnye Curley. “These actions are necessary to ensure that our government continues to function, that the Controller’s office can fulfill its

fiduciary responsibilities, and that the voices of the Navajo people are respected.”

The Council has maintained that the lawful stability of the Office of the Controller is essential to ensuring the Nation’s financial resources, accounting system, and safeguarding the Navajo people’s money.

The Office of the Controller is also central to the Special Prosecutor’s ongoing investigation into ZenniHome and Native Community Capital, which involve the potential misuse of Navajo Nation and federal funds and possible involvement of the Office of the President and Vice President.

Speaker Curley stated that protecting the independence of the Office of the Controller is essential to preserving evidence, upholding fiscal oversight, and maintaining public trust in the Navajo Nation government.

The filing seeks permanent injunctive relief to stop the improper use of the line-item veto and prevent the enforcement of the September and October line-item vetoes, as well as to prohibit any actions taken under the authority of the “Interim” Controller unless approved by the lawful Controller.

It further seeks declaratory judgments affirming that President Nygren exceeded his authority in issuing the line-item vetoes, and that the vetoes are unlawful and invalid.

The Court is also asked to declare that Sean McCabe remains the lawfully appointed and confirmed Controller of the Navajo Nation, and that the appointment of an “Interim” Controller was unlawful and without effect.

“The President has abused his authority. No branch of government is above the law. The Navajo Nation must operate in accordance with its established laws and policies,” Speaker Curley stated.

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