

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ORANGE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
26CV000945-670

DTH Media Corp. d/b/a *The Daily Tar Heel*; Capital Broadcasting Co., Incorporated d/b/a WRAL-TV; The McClatchy Company, LLC d/b/a *The News & Observer*; States Newsroom d/b/a *N.C. Newsline*; North Carolina Longform Magazine, Inc. d/b/a *The Assembly*; and Carolina Public Press, Inc. d/b/a *Carolina Public Press*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Lee Harriss Roberts, in his official capacity as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Paul R. Newton, in his official capacities as Vice Chancellor and General Counsel of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

Defendants.

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**ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION
FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the undersigned during the 3 August 2026 civil session on Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (the "Motion").

After reviewing the Motion, the record in this matter, the parties' briefs, the arguments of counsel, the relevant authority, and concluding the in-camera review of the documents referenced in the Motion and provided by Defendants, the Court concludes that there are no genuine issues of material fact and Defendants are

entitled to judgment as a matter of law on all claims. Wherefore, the Court **GRANTS** Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and **DISMISSES** all of Plaintiffs' claims against Defendants with prejudice.

That during the 3 August 2026 civil session in Orange County both parties consented, in open court, to this Order being signed out of session, out of district.

SO ORDERED, this the 26th day of August, 2026.



John M. Morris
Superior Court Judge Presiding