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SUPREME COURT

Justices
seem ready
to give
Trump more
power to fire
government
officials

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday appeared poised to make it easier for President Donald Trump to fire independent government officials despite laws meant to insulate them from political pressure in what would be a major expansion of presidential power.

Hearing a case dealing with Trump’s attempt to fire a member of the Federal Trade Commission, members of the court’s conservative majority seemed ready to overturn or strictly limit a landmark decision from 1935. That precedent said Congress could put limits on the president’s authority to remove some executive branch officials.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who is almost always in the majority in significant cases, said the FTC that opinion shielded 90 years ago looked nothing like the modern commission, which he said exercises enormous executive power, an authority the Constitution reserves for the president. He referred to the 1935 precedent as a “dried husk.”

Even as they appeared receptive to the Trump administration’s maximalist position, several key justices seemed intent on making sure that the court’s eventual decision in this case did not threaten the independence of the Federal Reserve. The justices will hear a separate case dealing with Trump’s attempt to fire a Fed governor in January.

The court’s three liberal justices warned of the far-reaching consequences for the structure of the modern government if the majority sided with the Trump administration in the FTC matter.

A decision in the president’s favor, they said, would call into question the constitutionality of job protections extended to leaders of more than two dozen other

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Chief Supreme Court Justice John Roberts speaks May 12 at Georgetown University. Roberts and other conservatives on the Supreme Court have embraced the so-called unitary executive theory, which holds that the Constitution vests all executive power in the president and that he must be able to control everything the executive branch does.



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Cynthia Jeffries, left, a former resident and now a case worker, responds to a question as Gwen Harvey, executive director of Living Grace Homes, listens during a July 29 interview in a home under renovation in Henderson. The new home, a residence for pregnant and parenting women experiencing homelessness, tripled Living Grace Homes’ capacity.

COMMUNITY

SNAP delays still
squeezing local charity —
and the mothers it supports

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By GRACE DA ROCHA
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Gwen Harvey’s first glimpse of a maternity home came as a Girl Scout volunteering at a donation drive in Southern California.

What she witnessed that day stayed with her: the critical difference a haven and support system could make for mothers navigating pregnancy and early parenthood.

Now executive director of Living Grace Homes in Henderson, Harvey saw that need intensify during last month’s government shutdown, with the organization finding itself stretched thin while helping eight young mothers and their children weather the sudden suspension of their benefits.

While most mothers have since resumed receiving their food benefits, Living Grace Homes is now working to replenish its depleted pantry. The organization provides housing, programs and

support for homeless pregnant and parenting young women.

“With the government opening back up, we have been able, for the moms who have had it in the past, to get the funding for food, so luckily we’ve been able to recover that way, but we have been doing so many different things in order to ensure that we close that gap in between the time we were waiting,” Harvey said. “We did go almost a full 35 days with most of them not having access to food stamps — either it was partial or none at all — so we did what we could to ask for some food, to come in and buy for their daily needs and then the holiday as well.”

Living Grace Homes was created in 2007 by Kathleen Miller as a foster home for young pregnant women, but has since evolved to serve as a “safe haven” for pregnant girls and women between the ages of 14 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness.

This includes mothers who were living on the streets, couchsurfing and those who have recently exited the foster care system with no place to go. The organization says it has served nearly 900 young mothers and provided care to at least 695 full-term babies.

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In addition to a bed, Living Grace Homes provides parenting or pregnant women with food, supplies and educational programming to teach them about certain aspects of parenting.

Harvey said Living Grace Homes currently serves about six young mothers and 11 children through their housing, with “many” others relying on supportive services such as emergency meals or diaper supplies.

“When I arrived at Living Grace, I wasn’t just given a place to stay,” said Kally, the young mother of a newborn who sought services at Living Grace Homes. “I was given a home.”

There were 7,906 people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2024, the last census count of the homeless population in Clark County revealed. Around 64% of those experiencing homelessness identified as women, and 19% were families with children.

The shutdown affected millions of Americans who rely on programs like the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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NATION

After shooting, administration cracks down on legal immigration

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WASHINGTON — Sophia Nyazi’s husband, Milad, shook her awake at 8 a.m. “ICE is here,” he told her.

Three uniformed Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were downstairs last Tuesday at the family’s home in New York, according to a video reviewed by the Los Angeles Times that she captured from atop the staircase.

Nyazi said the agents asked whether her husband was applying for a green card. They told her they would have to detain him because of the shooting of two

National Guard members a week earlier in Washington, D.C.

“He has nothing to do with that shooting,” Nyazi, 27, recalled answering. “We don’t even know that person.”

Her protests didn’t matter. The Trump administration has put into motion a broad and unprecedented set of policy changes aimed at substantially limiting legal immigration avenues, including for immigrants long considered the most vulnerable.

Milad Nyazi, 28, was detained because, like the man charged in the shooting that left one National Guard member dead, he is from Afghanistan.

The administration has paused decisions on all applica-

tions filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or USCIS, by people seeking asylum. The visa and immigration applications of Afghans, whom the U.S. had welcomed in 2021 as it pulled all troops from the country, have been halted.

Officials also froze the processing of immigration cases of people from 19 countries the administration considers “high-risk” and will conduct case-by-case reviews of green cards and other immigration benefits given to people from those countries since former President Joe Biden took office in 2021.

Immigration lawyers say they learned that dozens of natural-

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Federal agents and security guards stand outside immigration court at the Jacob K. Javits federal building July 18 in New York.