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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Air Travel Chaos]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Air travel chaos. Hundreds of flights canceled from coast-to-coast as the FAA cuts air traffic due to the government shutdown with shortage of air traffic controllers and TSA as they work without pay. A top executive joins us live on what flyers can do.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Government Shutdown Day 38; Showdown Over SNAP Benefits]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Showdown over SNAP benefits —

FOOD BANK WORKER [on ABC affiliate KOMO]: We are in a food crisis.

STEPHANOPOULOS: — as concerns grow for more and more persons trying to put food on their table, a federal judge now accusing the Trump administration of withholding federal food assistance for political reasons and ordering it to fully distribute benefits. The reaction from the White House.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Flight Reductions Take Effect at 40 Airports Across U.S.]

WHIT JOHNSON: The major airlines say they're trying to be strategic, only canceling flights that will have the smallest impacts on passengers but many fear as the shutdown drags on it will only get worse with the Thanksgiving travel rush less than three weeks away. This morning, travelers feeling turbulence as the FAA cancels hundreds of flights at 40 major airports because of the government shutdown.

AIRPORT TRAVELER [on ABC affiliate WSVN]: Everybody's suffering in the country because of the shutdown.

JOHNSON: More than 800 flights already canceled this morning. Frustration mounting.

AIRPORT TRAVELER [on ABC affiliate WQAD]: It affects your money, you know, your expenses, and that's tough.

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JOHNSON: The Trump administration says they're trying to ease the strain on 13,000 air traffic controllers, but some critics argue it's just a move to pressure Democrats to reopen the government as the shutdown reaches day 38. This as more than 60,000 TSA agents are also working without pay, the essential workers forced to decide if they can afford to keep showing up on the job.

MAGGIE SABATINO: This is the little bit that isn't here. This is enough to hold over for maybe another week. The fridge is pretty much empty.

JOHNSON: Maggie is a lead TSA agent in Philadelphia and a mother of two.

SABATINO: We were told if you call in sick, you have to provide medical documentation. When I call our, I tell them the truth. I can't afford child care.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Government Shutdown Day 38; Judge Orders Trump Administration to Fund SNAP Benefits]

REBECCA JARVIS: And that ripple effect — the \$14 billion in costs on the economy — have one impact and then this 38 days worth of shutdown now, a federal judge has ordered the Trump administration to fully fund SNAP benefits, which more than 40 million Americans depend on. The judge accused the administration of withholding the benefits for political reasons. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is tracking this for us. Good morning.

RACHEL SCOTT: Rebecca, good morning to you. And these were strong words from the federal judge saying the administration did not comply with his court order and must fully fund SNAP benefits by today, but it does set the stage for another legal battle with 42 million Americans hanging in limbo. 38 days into the government shutdown, this morning, a federal judge accusing the White House of withholding federal food assistance for political reasons and ordering the administration to fully distribute SNAP benefits by today. Judge John McConnell saying: "People have gone without for too long, not making payments to them for even another day is unacceptable." Vice President JD Vance arguing it's not up to the courts to decide.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE: In the midst of a shutdown, we can't have a federal court telling a President how he has to triage the situation.

SCOTT: Just days ago, the administration had agreed to tap into more than \$4.5 billion in emergency funding to partially fund SNAP, which 42 million Americans rely on. The White

House insisted those payments would still go out even after the President posted on social media, “SNAP BENEFITS..will be given only when the radical left Democrats open up government.” The judge pointing to the president’s own words, accusing the administration of defying the court’s order and causing “irreparable harm,” saying “the evidence shows that people will go hungry, food pantries will be over burdened, and needless suffering will occur. So, the administration does plan to appeal this ruling. Back here on Capitol Hill, the Senate is expected to vote for the 15th time to reopen the government and even as so many Americans out there are worried about whether or not they’re going to receive their benefits, federal workers are going without pay, right now lawmakers are still getting their paycheck, even though the House of Representatives has been out of town and out of session for 49 days, Michael.

STRAHAN: Yeah, it’s embarrassing at this point, Rachel. It really is. Thank you.