

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 14, 2025

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is one of our nation's most vital community services. The CPB connects millions of Americans to emergency alerts, educational programming, trusted news, and local culture, often in places where no other outlets remain. It is for this reason, that we write with great concern following the passage of the Rescissions Act of 2025, which includes the elimination of CPB funding. This action jeopardizes the core infrastructure that allows local news stations to serve our communities and endanger the jobs of those who make that service possible.

Public broadcasting is not a luxury – it is a critical public service that delivers free, trusted, and local content to over 99% of Americans. In many rural and low-income areas, public broadcasting is not just one option among many; it is often the only reliable source for education, news, and essential community resources. The early signs are already clear: cutting CPB funding will have real and far-reaching consequences for communities across the country. Local programming will be lost, some stations will shut down, and thousands of union jobs could disappear. That kind of loss would accelerate the decline of local journalism and deepen the information gaps in communities already struggling to stay connected.

Moreover, public broadcasting serves as a critical lifeline during emergencies. Stations provide timely, reliable alerts and information that can save lives in times of natural disasters, severe weather, or other crises. These local outlets are deeply embedded in their communities and deliver reporting that is relevant and responsive to the unique needs of our constituents. Eliminating CPB funding risks weakening this vital community connection, leaving many Americans without access to trusted news sources precisely when they need them most. Taking that away doesn't just eliminate a service, it disconnects people from their communities and from each other.

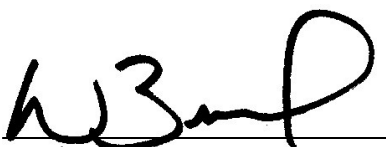
Beyond its immediate harm to public broadcasting, the passage of this rescissions package sets a troubling precedent for the appropriations process. Retroactively clawing back funds that were already approved by Congress to serve partisan political purposes undermines the integrity of the regular, bipartisan budgeting process. This kind of maneuver could destabilize agencies, institutions, and workers who rely on a transparent, structured funding process. Protecting CPB resources remains essential not only for preserving public media but also for safeguarding the principles of transparency and accountability. We respectfully call on the administration to work collaboratively to restore services offered under CPB and ensure that

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public broadcasting can continue fulfilling its indispensable mission for all communities across the country.

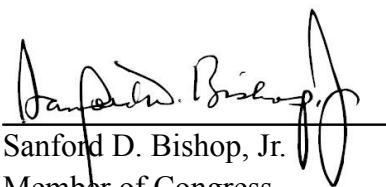
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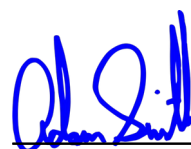
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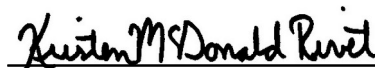
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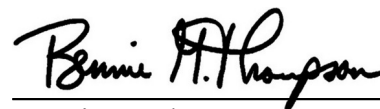
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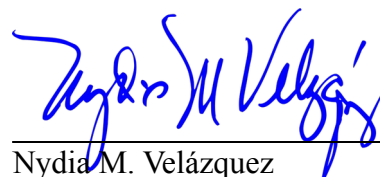
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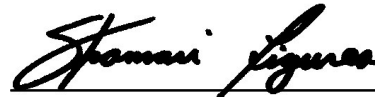
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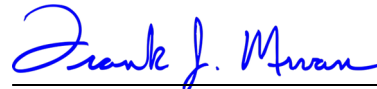
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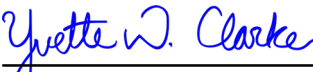
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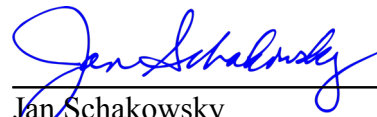
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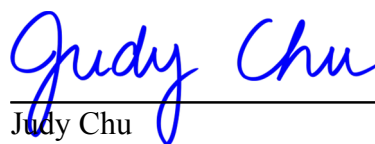
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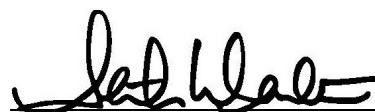
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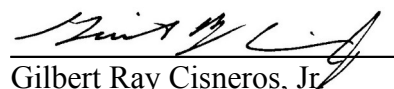
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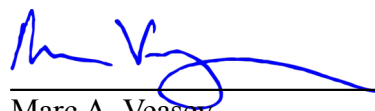
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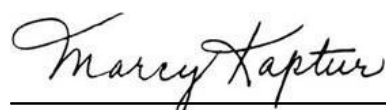
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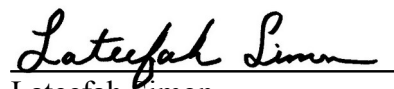
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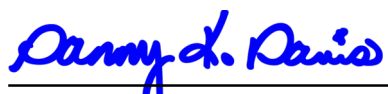
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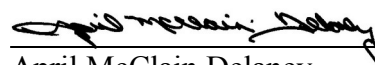
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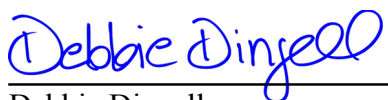
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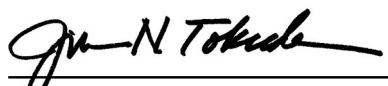
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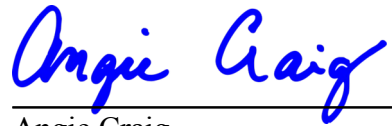
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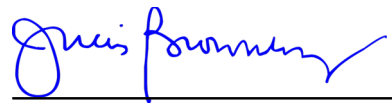
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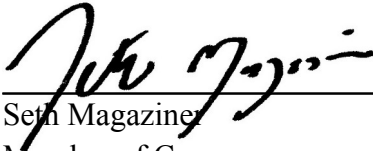
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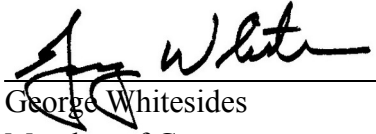
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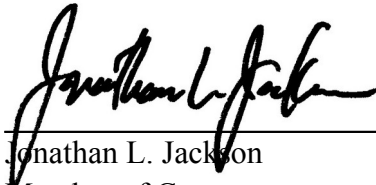
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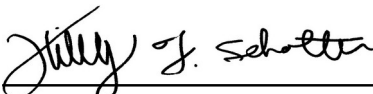
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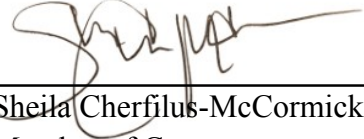
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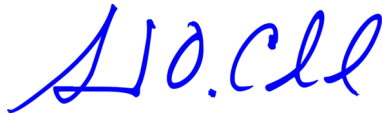
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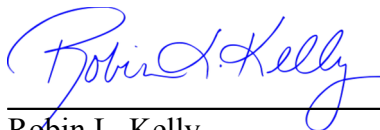
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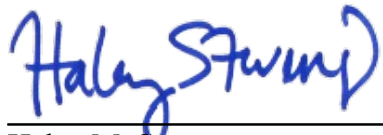
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