

CTA Name: Hands Off Public Media

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Description of the issue:

On April 28, the White House delivered a package to Congress requesting the elimination of \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This move would effectively dismantle the public media ecosystem by defunding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

This proposal comes after Congress extended federal funding for the CPB through fiscal year 2027 in February. The CPB is a private, nonprofit corporation that supports 1,300 local public media stations across the country, like Minnesota Public Radio, as well as NPR and PBS.

This action would have a devastating impact on public media stations across the country and erode the services that many rely on. These services, including news, music and culture, educational programs, and the emergency alert system, are offered to all everyone for free, without paywalls, connecting our communities across the state. These stations touch 99% of the US population. Approximately 20% of Americans don't have high speed broadband and rely on the interconnected radio programming that CPB provides. It is often the only access to news they have. Defunding public media would lead to the collapse of the national public media structure. Here's what's at risk:

- Alerting communities and keeping them informed in times of natural disasters – the only local news outlet to do so in many parts of America
- Providing paywall-free access to important local, national, and global news
- Amplifying local culture, history, and music through engaging programming and storytelling
- Providing opportunities for communities to connect through events, forums, and on-air conversations

Call to Action: (what action are we taking)

Contacting Congress and Asking them to Protect Public Media

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