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## MEMORANDUM

March 21, 2025

**To: Members, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “Anti-American Airwaves: Accountability for the Heads of NPR and PBS”**

On **Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center**, the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency will host a hearing titled “Anti-American Airwaves: Accountability for the Heads of NPR and PBS.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Under the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) receive significant federal funding, directly and indirectly, via the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The audiences of both NPR and PBS have declined in recent years, and are demographically and ideologically unrepresentative of the nation as a whole. Concern about bias and trustworthiness of their news coverage has also grown.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine the mechanism by which federal funds are allotted to NPR and PBS, the purpose of that funding, and whether that purpose is being achieved.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Ms. Katherine Maher**  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
National Public Radio

**Ms. Paula A. Kerger**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Public Broadcasting Service

**Mr. Michael Gonzalez**  
Angeles T. Arredondo E Pluribus Unum Senior Fellow  
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