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Dear Representative Greene,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to testify at your subcommittee's March 26, 2025 hearing, "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the heads of NPR and PBS Accountable." Taxpayer funding for state media is of the utmost importance and I was honored to be included.

I am writing to respond to Rep. Jasmine Crockett's statement about my testimony, which misrepresented what I wrote. Rep. Crockett said, "The Republicans witness, Mr. Gonzalez, went so far as to suggest that because NPR and PBS reported on the murder of George Floyd they quote 'represent a danger to our physical health and the civic health of our body politics'."<sup>1</sup> She then asked two other witnesses, the CEOs of NPR and PBS, whether they agreed with that.

But that was by no means what I wrote, and I myself would disagree with that statement. I am a former reporter and know that important issues must be reported. Rather, what I did was chastise NPR for embracing the narrative that America is systemically racist, which I believe to be false.

I wrote: "after the death of George Floyd and the ensuing riots led and organized by Black Lives Matter in 2020, NPR firmly took the side of those small but influential segments of society that affirmed, without a shred of evidence, that America is an oppressive society gripped by systemic racism."<sup>2</sup>

I have already set the record straight in an op-ed,<sup>3</sup> and it would be great if the subcommittee could also reflect this correction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Gonzalez

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<sup>1</sup> Representative Jasmine Crockett, March 26, 2025, Rev, <https://www.rev.com/transcripts/pbs-and-npr-leaders-testify-in-house-hearing>.

<sup>2</sup> Mike Gonzalez, "Congressional Testimony: Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the heads of NPR and PBS Accountable." House Oversight Committee, March 26, 2025. <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Gonzalez-Written-Testimony.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Mike Gonzalez, "Setting the Record Straight: Jasmine Crockett Misrepresented My Words in NPR Hearing." Daily Signal, March 27, 2025. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/03/27/rep-jasmine-crockett-lied-npr-hearing/>