

The Honorable Marjorie Taylor Greene  
Chairwoman, House Subcommittee on Delivering On Government Efficiency  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Melanie Stansbury  
Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Delivering On Government Efficiency  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairwoman Greene, Ranking Member Stansbury, and Members of the Subcommittee:

We write to you as the board of directors of Texas Public Radio, the FCC licensee of locally owned and operated public radio stations serving West and South Central Texas. We exist to provide essential, nonpartisan news and information services to community members, prioritizing community needs over financial gain. Today, we want to highlight the critical services we provide to our communities.

With seven stations covering 39 counties and 40,000 miles in West and South Central Texas, we deliver essential services that are often unavailable elsewhere:

- **Hyperlocal News:** In-depth coverage of local issues that directly impact our communities (rural and urban), ensuring residents are informed about matters affecting their daily lives.
- **Emergency Information:** We serve as a vital source of life-saving information during crises, leveraging the national emergency alert system to keep our communities safe.
- **Classical Music & Cultural Enrichment:** Music brings people together across differences and provides a respite. We offer a unique and high-quality classical music service through KPAC, enriching the communities of South Central and West Texas.

We are deeply invested in our communities, fostering dialogue (on air and in person), promoting civic engagement, and providing a platform for Texas voices telling Texas stories to the world.

Federal support is an essential investment. And constituents show their appreciation for that investment – we raise 90 percent of our operating budget from local sources. This support allows us to invest in our infrastructure and programming, ensuring we can continue to serve the public interest.

While we are locally driven, we recognize the importance of national partnerships. NPR, for example, provides crucial infrastructure and resources that allow us to:

- Effectively distribute our content.
- Share real-time information.
- Enhance our editorial capacity.

It's important to note that NPR, and public media generally, offers a nonpartisan service accessible to all Americans with editorial processes that include extra review of content to ensure a lack of bias. This commitment to universal access ensures that vital information reaches 99.5% of the American population.

We are grateful for the support we receive through Community Service Grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). These grants are essential for maintaining our services and are leveraged to secure additional local support.

We urge Congress to continue its support for public media. This funding ensures that we can continue to provide essential services, including critical emergency information and unique cultural programming, to the residents of West and South Central Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Kramer, Chair  
The Texas Public Radio Board of Directors