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The Honorable Marjorie Taylor Greene
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: March 26, 2025 Testimony

Dear Chairwoman Greene:

On behalf of our client, Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”), we thank you for the opportunity to testify in front of the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency (“Subcommittee”). PBS is dedicated to serving all Americans and exists to serve the 336 local public television broadcast stations across the United States. PBS and local member stations are grateful for Congress’s support over the years and so are the American people.

During the conclusion of the March 26, 2025 hearing (the “Hearing”), and subsequently, there have been a number of statements regarding Ms. Paula Kerger’s testimony. We write directly to confirm the accuracy of Ms. Kerger’s testimony to the Subcommittee.

During the Hearing, Ms. Kerger was asked about an episode of the show *Let’s Learn* (the “Episode”). PBS did not develop, fund, or license the Episode. As mentioned in Ms. Kerger’s written testimony, each member station is locally owned, governed and operated; and member station management decides what programs to broadcast whether that is from PBS, other program distributors, independent producers, or local producers to meet the particular needs of their communities.

In her testimony, Ms. Kerger also explained that the Episode was not “aired.”¹ That testimony was accurate: PBS itself did not air the Episode by broadcasting it on television and did not distribute it to member stations for them to broadcast. Indeed, to reiterate, the Episode in question was not developed, funded, or licensed, or created for PBS or by PBS. To the extent the

¹ During the Chairwoman’s closing remarks, the Chairwoman noted that the PBS website stated the Episode was “aired” on April 1, 2021. In that context, “aired” does not refer to a broadcast on television, but instead simply refers to the date that the Episode was made available by an independent member station in PBS’s online repository.

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Episode was broadcast at all, the decision to do so was made by independent member stations without any input from PBS.

Moreover, consistent with Ms. Kerger's testimony, once PBS learned the Episode was loaded to its online repository by an independent member station, it took immediate action to remove the Episode so it could no longer be viewed. While the Episode has not been available to view online since then, to avoid any confusion, on March 26, 2025, PBS removed all remaining references to the Episode (on the "details page") from PBS's online platforms.

PBS appreciates the opportunity to provide further clarification about this issue. PBS respectfully requests, consistent with the Subcommittee's rules, that this letter be entered into the record for the Hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Ms. Kerger's testimony. PBS remains committed to assisting the Committee in its inquiry.

Sincerely,




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