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Subject: **The May 8, 2024 Hearing "Examining Accusations of Ideological Bias at NPR, a Taxpayer Funded News Entity" by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce**

TO: Davis Michols/Legislative Director to [Congressman Morgan Griffith, Esq.](#)

This follows my phone conversation this morning with your excellent intern, Suzanne Goodwin, who answered my phone call, perhaps even on the first ring, without it going into voice mail (202-225-2861) – and who swiftly ascertained, during a brief hold, that you would be the best person to answer my inquires and that it would be most efficient for me to e-mail you.

Here's what I asked Ms. Goodwin – giving her the following prefatory information:

Last year, when Congressman Griffith was chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, he held an excellent May 8, 2024 hearing "[Examining Accusations of Ideological Bias at NPR, a Taxpayer Funded News Entity](#)", which seems to have fallen off the radar. I have [viewed the VIDEO, read the witness statements](#), and examined the contents of the "[Committee Repository](#)" that I found for the hearing.

As reflected by the [VIDEO \(at 2 hrs/5 mins\)](#), Subcommittee Chair Griffith closed the May 8, 2024 hearing by stating:

"pursuant to Committee rules I remind members they have ten business days to submit additional questions for the record and I ask that witnesses submit their responses within ten business days upon receipt of those questions."

However, the "[Committee Repository](#)" does not contain any "additional questions" from members nor "responses" from the four witnesses who testified, in person, or from the originally-scheduled sole witness, NPR President Katherine Maher, who did not appear, nor send anyone in her stead, but did submit a letter and written statement for the hearing record that the "Committee Repository" contains in a compendium of "[Documents for the Record](#)". Were there no "additional questions" and "responses" – and if there were, where can I find them? Is there some other "Committee Repository" for the hearing?

Last week, at the [March 26, 2025 hearing "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable"](#), held by the DOGE Subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the May 8, 2024 hearing was barely mentioned. It is, however, highly relevant and important. For this reason, I am trying to pull together its full record – including subsequent meetings of the Subcommittee at which the members debated, deliberated, and voted on findings of facts, conclusions of law, recommendations, legislation, etc. Where can I find this? Was any printed record and Subcommittee report generated?

As [Subcommittee Chair Griffith's May 1, 2024 Hearing Notice](#) stated:

“If you have any questions concerning this hearing, please contact Lauren Eriksen Kennedy lauren.kennedy@mail.house.gov with the Committee staff”,

with an additional [May 1, 2024 announcement](#) stating:

“If you have any press-related questions, please contact Chrstopher Krepich at Christopher.Krepich@mail.house.gov”,

I am cc’ing staffers Kennedy and Krepich so that they may assist you in assisting me – and, through me, the DOGE Subcommittee, Congress, and the American People.

Thank you, in advance.

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