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Attachments: [cja-2-18-25-ltr-to-greene-carr.pdf](#)

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RE: Michael Swerdlow's February 3, 2025 article "[NPR and PBS Face a Moment of Truth](#)"

NEWS TIP -- ALERT:

Behind-the-Scenes of Tomorrow's House DOGE Subcommittee Hearing on NPR & PBS Bias

Why are the NPR and PBS presidents [the only witnesses scheduled to testify at Wednesday's DOGE Subcommittee hearing on NPR and PBS bias](#)? What about the NPR and PBS public editors, each responsible for complaints, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Inspector General, also responsible for complaints. And what about complainants who have filed complaints with all of them?

The importance of this was the subject of my above-attached [February 18th letter](#) to DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene and FCC Chair Brendan Carr entitled "Defunding NPR, PBS – & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters". It opened with these two sentences:

"I am director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) and applaud your efforts to expose the truth about NPR and PBS.^{fn1} I suggest you do so by examining how they handle complaints of biased and *knowingly* false journalism – and that you also examine how the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Inspector General handles complaints about NPR's and PBS' handling of complaints." (italics in the original).

Nine EVIDENCE-FILLED pages later – including as to the collusion of NPR, PBS, and other media in the corruption of New York state governance involving its massive, policy-filled state budget, pay raises, NY Attorney General Letitia James, and NY District Attorney Alvin Bragg – the letter concluded, stating:

"I am available to answer questions – including under oath. I would be honored to testify at such hearings as you will be holding. In any event, I ask that this statement be submitted for the record of the hearings. I affirm it all to be true, under penalties of perjury.

Kindly forward the letter to all who are committed to establishing the truth about NPR, PBS, and their collusion with other media in 'election interference' and other violations of First Amendment responsibilities. There is much defunding, firing, and prosecutions that need to take place.^{fn8}

Three times I e-mailed the letter to the majority office of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and to FCC Chair Carr – [February 18th](#), [February 28th](#), and [March 19th](#) – *without response*. Why was that? And was the letter forwarded to DOGE Subcommittee Chair Greene and to all the Subcommittee members? Who else? Was it forwarded to U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, as requested? How about to the NPR and PBS presidents and public editors and to the CPB Inspector General, for their written responses. Will it be part of the record, as requested? Will it be the subject of questioning, at all, at Wednesday's hearing?

The three transmitting e-mails are also below. CJA's EVIDENTIARY webpage for the letter is [here](#).

I am available to answer your questions, no matter how early or late. Please call.

Thank you.

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Subject: Feb 18, 2025 letter -- "Defunding NPR, PBS - & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters"

TO: [House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene](#)
(Delivering on Government Efficiency)
[Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr](#)

I have received no response to my below two e-mails with the above-attached February 18, 2025 letter.

As the [DOGE Subcommittee has now announced the scheduling of its hearing for March 26th](#), I assume there is no objection to my freely circulating the letter, which – to assist you – I have withheld until now.

Kindly confirm that the letter will be included in the printed record.

Thank you.

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Subject: STATUS? Defunding NPR, PBS - & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters

TO: [House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene](#)
(Delivering on Government Efficiency)
[Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr](#)

It is now ten days since I sent my below e-mail, with the above-attached letter, and I have received no response.

Kindly advise as to whether you wish me to continue to withhold dissemination of the letter and e-mail, as I have patiently done so as not to jeopardize your strategy decisions – and whether you have forwarded the letter to U.S. Attorney Bondi, as my e-mail requested.

A short time ago, in the hope that I might speak to knowledgeable staff, I called the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee majority office (202-225-5074), but only got a voice mail, on which I left a message. Thereafter, I called the FCC (1-888-225-5322), requesting to speak with Chairman Carr's executive secretary or other executive staff. Lois, from the call center, was not able to route my call, but kindly typed out an extensive message that she stated she would send on my behalf, which I greatly appreciate.

Meantime, NPR and PBS have continued their corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, “fake news”/fraudulent journalism – and I have documented this in further devastating correspondence to them, without response.

Thank you.

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Subject: Defunding NPR, PBS - & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters

TO: [House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene](#)
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[Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr](#)

Attached is my letter of today's date addressed to you, furnishing a mountain of evidence for defunding NPR and PBS, which their presidents will not be able to defend against at your [upcoming March hearing](#). Likewise, for firing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Inspector General and her deputy and counsel, who will not be able to defend against the evidence the letter presents.

To afford you sufficient time to review the letter and make strategic decisions about when to forward it to the NPR and PBS presidents so that they can prepare themselves for questioning about it and, additionally, about requiring the NPR and PBS public editors to also testify at the hearing, with statistics as to the number of complaints they receive of biased, corruption-abetting, election-rigging, fraudulent journalism and how they handle them, indeed, whether you might want to issue subpoenas for their records, I will withhold sending my letter to them, or disseminating and publicizing it until I hear from you.

The final sentence of my letter states "There is much defunding, firing, and prosecutions that need to take place" – with an annotating footnote stating:

"...please forward this letter to U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, as it will greatly assist her investigations of A.G. James and D.A. Bragg, reported by [New York Public News Network reporter] Han's February 6, 2025 article "["U.S. Attorney General vows to investigate two of New York's top lawyers"](#)", to which I cited and linked by [my February 7, 2025 e-mail](#) to her entitled "A gift to welcome you to your new job, as a Capitol News Bureau reporter for the NY Public News Network – Explosive evidence, complete unreported, about the state budget, A.G. James, & D.A. Bragg".

I would appreciate if you will do this, as I know it will reach her more directly than my own efforts.

Thank you.

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