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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 10:58 AM
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Subject: GENTLE REMINDER -- Your May 6th article "Trump targets NPR and PBS as public and nonprofit media account for a growing share of local news coverage" (The Conversation), published by the Albany Times Union

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

TO: [Professor Matthew Powers/Co-Director of the Center for Journalism, Media and Democracy – University of Washington](#)

I have received no response to my below May 14th e-mail. Perhaps it has been overlooked.

What comment do you have about my above-attached February 18th letter – and will you will be sending me your linked article "[New life for statehouse reporting? The view from one American state](#)"?

Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Your May 6th article for [The Conversation](#) "[Trump targets NPR and PBS as public and nonprofit media account for a growing share of local news coverage](#)" reviews the local news situation in Washington State and states that "If these defunding efforts succeed, they will likely [do real harm to local news](#)". The [Albany Times Union published the article on that date](#), but without any commentary about the situation in New York. That situation – "knowingly false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism" by New York's local NPR/PBS stations, in tandem with the same by the [Albany Times Union](#) and New York's other news

media, including the panoply of nonprofit, tax-exempt start-ups – is the subject of my above-attached February 18th letter to House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene and FCC Chair Brendan Carr, which, by the below May 2nd e-mail, I sent to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

I invite your comment and scholarship – and would greatly appreciate if you would forward me a copy of your linked article “[New life for statehouse reporting? The view from one American state](#)”, as it requires a subscription to read. In return, I offer you “The view from [another] American state”, New York, whose statehouse reporters I have interacted with for more than 35 years, with the 14 most recent years being with the full roster of Albany’s Legislative Correspondents Association reporters, accessible [here](#).

Thank you.

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Subject: CPB's Stewardship of Taxpayer Monies -- Halting Funding to Poynter Institute, NPR, PBS, & NY's Local "Public Media", & Firing the CPB Inspector General -- All Mandated by CJA's February 18, 2025 Letter

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This follows up my brief phone conversation with Executive Vice President/General Counsel Slavitt, who promptly returned the voice mail message I had left for him, shortly before noon and furnished me with his e-mail address so that I could send him this e-mail, already written. He stated that he had no

knowledge of my above-attached and below-described February 18, 2025 letter to House Doge Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene and FCC Chair Brendan Carr.

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I am director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) – and am writing in response to your yesterday's press release "[Introducing the Public Media Executives Selected for 2025 Poynter/CPB Fellowship to Strengthen Editorial Leadership](#)".

Did your Inspector General Kimberly Howell not alert you that the Poynter Institute and particularly its vice president and chair of its Craig Newmark Center for Ethics and Leadership, Kelly McBride – who is also NPR's public editor – have been covering up and perpetuating "*knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism" by NPR, PBS, and other "public media" – [the evidence of which I provided](#) to her, to her deputy, William Richardson, III, and, in the first instance, to IG Investigative Counsel Helen Mollick. This is recited by my above-attached February 18, 2025 letter to House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene and FCC Chair Brendan Carr entitled "Defunding NPR, PBS – & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters".

Did no one share the letter with you?

The letter is additionally germane to President Trump's yesterday's Executive Order "[Ending Taxpayer Subsidization Of Biased Media](#)" – and to your [today's responding press release](#).

I look forward to speaking with you about all this – and about the [\\$42,556,210 in taxpayer monies that CPB is giving in "grants and allocations" to New York "public media"](#), whose "*knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism" has continued UNABATED, since I first reported it to NPR Public Editor McBride by a [May 8, 2023 complaint](#) and to PBS Public Editor Ricardo Sandoval-Palos by a [May 15, 2023 complaint](#), as recounted by my [February 18, 2025 letter](#). **What oversight and corrective action will you be taking to rectify this catastrophic, democracy-dooming situation – and will it include forwarding this e-mail to Attorney General Pam Bondi so that she can investigate the crimes to which I first alerted the CPB IG's Office more than six months ago, before the November 5, 2024 election. Please deem this e-mail my express request for such forwarding.**

Feel free to call, no matter how early or late – and over the weekend.

Thank you.

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