



Statement from CPB on the President's Budget Proposal Eliminating Funding for Public Media

Washington, DC, (March 16, 2017) -- Patricia Harrison, president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) made the following statement regarding the President's proposed elimination of federal funding for public media.

“There is no viable substitute for federal funding that ensures Americans have universal access to public media's educational and informational programming and services. The elimination of federal funding to CPB would initially devastate and ultimately destroy public media's role in early childhood education, public safety, connecting citizens to our history, and promoting civil discussions for Americans in rural and urban communities alike.

Public media is one of America's best investments. At approximately \$1.35 per citizen per year, it pays huge dividends to every American. From expanding opportunity, beginning with proven children's educational content to providing essential news and information as well as ensuring public safety and homeland security through emergency alerts, this vital investment strengthens our communities. It is especially critical for those living in small towns and in rural and underserved areas.

Viewers and listeners appreciate that public media is non-commercial and available for free to all Americans. We will work with the new Administration and Congress in raising awareness that elimination of federal funding to CPB begins the collapse of the public media system itself and the end of this essential national service.”

About CPB

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), a private, nonprofit corporation created by Congress in 1967, is the steward of the federal government's investment in public broadcasting. It helps support the operations of nearly 1,500 locally owned and operated public television and radio stations nationwide. CPB is also the largest single source of funding for research, technology and program development for public radio, television and related online services. For more information, visit www.cpb.org, follow us on Twitter @CPBmedia, [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and [subscribe](#) for email updates.

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