



Resolution

Eliminating Government Subsidy of Public Broadcasting

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- WHEREAS** The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) was established by the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967.
- WHEREAS** U.S. President Lyndon Johnson, signing the bill into law, declared, “While we work every day to produce new goods and to create new wealth, we want most of all to enrich man's spirit. That is the purpose of this act.”
- WHEREAS** President Johnson also remarked, “The Corporation will assist stations and producers who aim for the best in broadcasting good music, in broadcasting exciting plays, and in broadcasting reports on the whole fascinating range of human activity. It will try to prove that what educates can also be exciting.”
- WHEREAS** CPB rejects “programming that furthers the principles of particular political or religious philosophies.”
- WHEREAS** Programming of PBS, NPR, and other CPB grantees often appear to espouse and promote the values and political philosophies of “progressive” urban elites.
- WHEREAS** A half-century after CPB’s establishment, President Donald Trump’s administration has proposed terminating its taxpayer funding, noting in budget documents, “[A]lternatives to PBS and NPR programming have grown substantially since CPB was first established in 1967, greatly reducing the need for publicly funded programming options.”
- WHEREAS** In a 2010 filing with the FCC, NRB encouraged the government not to “super-fund public broadcasting, as such increased funding would create government-funded competition against all other broadcasters, including Christian nonprofit, non-commercial stations.”
- THEREFORE
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RESOLVED** Unless CPB discontinues its discrimination against faith-based ministries and allows all noncommercial broadcasters and related programmers to compete for federal grants on an equal merit-based playing field, then NRB not only supports, but insists upon, the termination of federal funding for CPB.