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Subject: **STATUS? -- 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**

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

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It has been two weeks since my below May 2nd e-mail with my above-attached February 18th letter, to which I have received no response.

What investigative and corrective steps have you taken – and did they include forwarding my May 2nd e-mail to Attorney General Pam Bondi, as I expressly requested?

Please advise as to the foregoing, without delay, as the “*knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism” of local New York NPR/PBS member stations has “continued UNABATED”, as my May 2nd e-mail to you reported – and it has now resulted in the May 8th passage of a \$254 billion New York state budget whose flagrant unconstitutionality, unlawfulness, fraud, and massive larceny their journalism conceals, *in toto*. In the event your examination of the hyperlinks in my [February 18th letter](#) did not lead you to my e-mails to the local New York NPR/PBS journalists and editors, furnishing them with the open-and-shut, primary-source evidence pertaining to the FY2025-26 state budget, the webpages on which they are posted are [here](#) and [here](#) – with my last e-mail, [on April 18th](#), entitled “Fact-Checking Your Journalism on the NYS Budget -- & Now Some New Facts”, stating, by its closing:

“If you have not – as...requested – forwarded [my prior April 7th e-mail] to ‘your editors and to managerial levels of your publications, including your legal counsel, so that there is no question as to culpability for your *knowingly* false journalism, having NO First Amendment protection and entitling the defrauded public to massive compensatory and punitive damages against all involved’, please now forward this e-mail to them.” (italics & capitalization in the original).

Also, I understand that Associate Professors Josh Shepperd and Allison Perlman are “[under contract to co-update the official history of public broadcasting...for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting \(CPB\) and Current](#)”. What does the “official history of public broadcasting” say about the establishment and

functioning of the NPR and PBS public editors and the CPB Inspector General? By a [May 5th e-mail](#) I forwarded to them my May 2nd e-mail and its attached February 18th letter, stating that their “update” of these “vital safeguards” in the “official history” would assuredly have to be “revised, dramatically” based thereon. Did they communicate with you about this? I received no response from them – and no response to my follow-up [May 14th e-mail](#) requesting their response by 5 pm yesterday so that I might be guided accordingly.

Is this behavior acceptable to you – and consistent with honest scholarship? Don’t you agree that the “update” of “official history” MUST include the open-and-shut, primary-source evidence furnished by my February 18th letter – and your response to it?

By the way, how much taxpayer money is being paid to these two scholars pursuant to the “contract”?

Please advise as to this, as well.

Thank you.

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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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