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Subject: **Rebuttal to A.G. Sulzberger's May 13th opinion column "A Free People Needs a Free Press"**
Attachments: [cja-5-18-25-ltr-to-sulzberger.pdf](#)

Dear Rabbi –

As you are a NYT reader, I assume you saw A.G. Sulzberger's May 13th opinion column "[A Free People Needs a Free Press](#)" – or that it was brought to your attention, as relevant to the conversation you will be having this evening with Bari Weiss and Nellie Bowles.

I believe it would be useful for you, Ms. Weiss, and Ms. Bowles to see my rebuttal to it – my above-attached letter to Mr. Sulzberger of today's date. I will be e-mailing it to him shortly c/o NYT editorial and metro & such other suitable e-mail addresses as I am able to find. I will also be hand-delivering a hard copy for Mr. Sulzberger to NYT headquarters before queuing up to march with Friends of the IDF in today's Israel parade.

Thank you.

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Subject: The "Light of Freedom Award" -- & primary-source, documentary evidence, because "freedom itself rests on telling the truth"

TO: [Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch/Stephen Wise Free Synagogue](#)

I have been a great fan of your magnificent sermons and intelligent, eloquently-expressed viewpoints, ever since December 8, 2021, when I first heard [your September 7, 2021 Rosh HaShana sermon "Reflections on Antisemitism"](#) that you dedicated to your father, Rabbi Richard Hirsch.

I am a Jew, a Zionist, and, for fifteen years, led Shabbat children services at Ansche Chesed Synagogue. I lived in Israel for four years, two as a volunteer on Sherut L'Am and, between my third and fourth year, worked at the Israel Mission to the U.N. when Benjamin Netanyahu was ambassador.

In many of your sermons you have been grappling with rising anti-Zionism and animus against Israel, most painfully, among young Jews. This is fueled, I believe, by how supposedly “trustworthy”, “credible” news media falsely report and editorialize about Israel, and I have wanted to speak with you about the situation for a long time, even before I heard [your December 14, 2023 interview of Adam Nagourney about his book “The Times: How the Newspaper of Record Survived Scandal, Scorn, and the Transformation of Journalism”](#). Evident from your comments was your belief that The Times practices honest, essentially truthful journalism – and this is how Nagourney portrayed The Times both in the interview and in his book. This is flagrantly false – and I have decades of primary-source, documentary evidence of my interactions with The Times to prove it, including in the key periods about which Nagourney writes and involving many of the same people. Tellingly, among the gaping holes in Nagourney’s book is that it does not examine The Times’ handling of complaints about its journalism (as, for instance, pertaining to Israel, not even listed in its index), let alone examine lawsuits, such as the lawsuit I brought against The Times for “journalistic fraud”, resting on the 2003 law review article “*Journalistic Malpractice: Suing Jayson Blair and the New York Times for Fraud and Negligence*”, which The Times defended with litigation fraud and which was “thrown” by fraudulent judicial decisions. Did no one at The Times tell Nagourney about that [explosive, first-of-its-kind lawsuit](#), whose [March 21, 2006 verified complaint](#) opened by citing to that law review article and whose named defendants included The Times’ publisher, executive editor, managing editor for newsgathering, assistant managing editor/standards editor who had headed the review committee examining newsroom practices in the wake of the Jayson Blair scandal, editorial page editor, and first and second public editors.

Former Times journalist [Bari Weiss and her partner Nellie Bowles, who are being honored with the “Light of Freedom Award” at your May 18, 2025 benefit -- and with whom you will be “in conversation”](#) – are familiar with how The Times and other news media operate – and that politicized, conflicted academic institutions, such as at Columbia University, have covered it up – as I furnished them with the primary-source, documentary evidence by the below March 31, 2025 e-mail, attaching my above February 18, 2025 letter entitled “Defunding NPR, PBS – & Firing the CPB’s Inspector General, for starters”. As I received no responses – and their responses are crucial to the future of our democracy and to Israel – I am cc’ing them on this e-mail so that they can explain, consistent with what you so powerfully explained in your [soliloquy following your interview of Nagourney](#) that Judaism and “freedom itself rests on telling the truth” and that it is by evidence that “organized lying” and “the assault on objective truth” are repelled.

I am available to answer questions and would welcome the opportunity to do so and to thank you for so fortifying me during these difficult times for the Jewish People.

Respectfully,

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Subject: AGAIN, LEAD -- ALERT/Story Proposal-TIP: Fraud & Posturing by ALL SIDES at the March 26th House DOGE Subcommittee Hearing "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable"

TO: [The Free Press – Bari Weiss](#)

Why has [Free Press](#) published no story about the March 26th House DOGE Subcommittee Hearing “Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable” – and is it not planning to?

Below is my March 28th e-mail to [Free Press](#), Uri Berliner, and River Page pertaining to the story proposal/TIP I pitched, by e-mail, on March 26th about the “Fraud & Posturing by ALL SIDES” at the hearing, proven by my [February 18th letter to House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Greene and FCC Chair Carr](#) entitled “Defunding NPR, PBS – & Firing the CPB’s Inspector General, for starters” and my e-mails transmitting it to them and, thereafter, to DOGE Subcommittee Ranking Member Stansbury, to Rank-and-File Member Gill, to NPR and to PBS. The webpage posting this primary-source, documentary evidence – including my [today’s e-mail to Congressman Gill](#) entitled “Questions about & for the Record of the DOGE Subcommittee’s March 26 Hearing...” – is [here](#).

Was my March 26th story proposal forwarded to you and to all relevant [Free Press](#) journalists, as I requested – some of whom I have here cc’d?

I have received no responses, including for a copy of Mr. Berliner’s March 25th [Free Press](#) column “[NPR Should Refuse to Take Federal Funds](#)”, so that I might be aided in my own investigations of the situation. Am I to assume that this is because Mr. Berliner and others at [Free Press](#) suffer from conflicts of interest arising from what the February 18th letter chronicles – and not only as to NPR and PBS, but as to a broad panoply of media, collusive with each other, such as [The New York Times](#) – namely, *knowingly* false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, covered-up by politicized academic institutes of supposed research and scholarship.

Is it your view – and the view of journalists comprising [The Free Press](#) staff – that my February 18th letter and e-mails do not evidence a catastrophic state of affairs that a “Free Press” committed to a “Free People” is duty-bound to investigate and report?

Please advise by the end of the day, as I have been holding off furnishing this explosive, far-reaching story to other press and commentators so as to give the LEAD to those to whom it reasonably belongs.

Thank you.

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Subject: LEAD -- ALERT/Story Proposal-TIP: Fraud & Posturing by ALL SIDES at the March 26th House DOGE Subcommittee Hearing "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable"

TO: [Free Press](#)/Uri Berliner, River Page, & TIPS –

Below is my today's e-mail to DOGE Subcommittee Ranking Member Melanie Stansbury, inexplicably absent from the Subcommittee's March 26th hearing on NPR and PBS, to which I alerted you by my [March 26th e-mails](#) for investigative reporting of the "Fraud & Posturing by ALL SIDES" at the hearing.

What is the status of my March 26th ALERT-story proposal/TIP? It's now been two days and I have received not even an acknowledgment. Has it been seen by Bari Weiss – and circulated to other [Free Press](#) journalists, as I requested? PLEASE ADVISE, as I have withheld contacting other journalists, so as to give [Free Press](#) the LEAD on a story which is so in keeping with what it says about itself on its [Welcome](#) page and to which it would reasonably want the LEAD.

Certainly, it seems odd and incongruous that [Free Press](#) has not published ANY story about the March 26th hearing – apart from Mr. Berliner's March 25th column "[NPR Should Refuse to Take Federal Funds](#)". This, notwithstanding Mr. Berliner and his April 9, 2024 article "[I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust](#)", published by [Free Press](#), was mentioned, repeatedly, at the hearing.

The second sentence of Mr. Berliner's March 25th column starts with the words "Expect fireworks". I'm able to read only a few sentences beyond that as my first year's subscription to [Free Press](#) has expired. In exchange for the gold-mine of explosive primary-source, documentary evidence that I have furnished you by my March 26th e-mails and the below, I would appreciate if you would send me the full column.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The situation is calamitous, directly impacting on what is happening NOW with respect to New York's massive, policy-filled state budget and New York City's top electoral races, suppressed from ALL reporting by the "local journalism" of NPR and PBS stations, in tandem with New York's other press.

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

Thank you.

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Subject: Your Absence at the DOGE Subcommittee's March 26th Hearing "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable" -- & Other Questions

TO: [House DOGE Subcommittee Ranking Member Melanie Stansbury](#)

The below was just sent (at 11:32 am) via the electronic messaging system on your congressional website – and, beneath it, is my March 25th e-mail:

WHY was Congresswoman Stansbury, who is ranking member of the House DOGE Subcommittee, NOT at the Subcommittee's March 26th hearing "Anti-American Airwaves: Holding the Heads of NPR and PBS Accountable"?

The day before, on March 25th, I contacted Ranking Member Stansbury by calling her office, at about 1:50 pm, leaving a voice mail message because there was no pick-up by staff. An hour later, at 2:44 pm, I sent her an e-mail bearing the subject line "Questions about Tomorrow's DOGE Subcommittee Hearing on NPR & PBS Bias", using the only e-mail address I could find for her, repstansburypress@mail.house.gov – which I found on her facebook page.

Was Ranking Member Stansbury furnished with my March 25th e-mail and made aware of my phone message? I received no response to either.

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: Questions about Tomorrow's DOGE Subcommittee Hearing on NPR & PBS Bias

TO: [House DOGE Subcommittee Ranking Member Melanie Stansbury](#)

Are you aware of my above-attached February 18th letter to DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene entitled “Defunding NPR, PBS – & Firing the CPB’s Inspector General, for starters”? I sent it three times to the e-mail address of the majority office of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *without response*.

As I am unable to reach [Chair Greene’s D.C. or Georgia offices by phone or e-mail](#), can you confirm that my three e-mails were forwarded to her by the majority office? And was my [February 18th letter](#) furnished to you and to the 12 rank-and-file members of the DOGE Subcommittee? How about to the PBS and NPR presidents and public editors and to the CPB Inspector General, for their written responses. Was it forwarded to U.S. Attorney Pam Bondi, as requested? Will the DOGE Subcommittee be questioning the PBS and NPR presidents about the letter at tomorrow’s hearing – and will it be included in the written record of the hearing, as requested?

Please advise – and, if my February 18th letter was not previously furnished to ALL DOGE Subcommittee members, please now forward it, with this e-mail.

Below is the “NEWS TIP – ALERT” I have been sending to the press today, raising the above questions.

Thank you.

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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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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](#)
(Delivering on Government Efficiency)
[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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