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Subject: **For Investigative Reporting & Scholarship: NPR, PBS, CPB -- & Trump's Attacks on the Press, Etc.**
Attachments: [cja-2-18-25-ltr-to-greene-carr.pdf](#)

TO: [Dartmouth Government Professor John Carey -- Bright Line Watch Co-Founder/Co-Director](#)

I am director and co-founder of the New York-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.](#) (CJA) – and have decades of in-the-trenches experience on issues germane to your scholarship.

Yesterday I sent [The Dartmouth](#) the below e-mail, with the above-attached, requesting forwarding to “[Dartmouth](#) students and professors who would be interested in examining [narrative-rebutting](#) primary-source, documentary evidence as to the state of journalism, our democracy, and the political scene”. I did not then know the names of any such Dartmouth professors, but, a short time ago, happened upon an April 22nd NPR article “[Hundreds of scholars say U.S. is swiftly heading toward authoritarianism](#)” about [Bright Line Watch](#), identifying and quoting you.

Are you aware of the corruption that the above-attached February 18th letter describes, with evidence, and that is further chronicled by the “[paper trail](#)” of [correspondence](#) based thereon? Would you not agree that there must be press investigation and reporting, *pronto* – and scholarship? Will you endorse my yesterday's proposal to [The Dartmouth](#) “for student investigation & reporting, including in collaboration with NHPR” and will you furnish [the February 18th letter](#) and its “paper trail” to the scholars of [Bright Line Watch](#) for their scholarship, in addition to your own?

I am available to assist to the fullest and am cc'ing the recipients of my yesterday's e-mail, so that they can know your response.

Thank you.

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Subject: Your May 22nd article "NHPR journalists discuss federal defunding of public broadcasting" -- Proposal for student investigation & reporting, including in collaboration with NHPR

TO: [The Dartmouth](#)

I am director and co-founder of the New York-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.](#) (CJA).

I have read [The Dartmouth's](#) May 22nd article "[NHPR journalists discuss federal defunding of public broadcasting](#)" by Teo Steverlynck-Horne and have viewed the [VIDEO](#) of the May 20th event "[Effective Journalism in a Polarized World](#)", sponsored by [Dartmouth Rockefeller Center for Public Policy](#), [Dartmouth Dialogues](#), and [Dartmouth Civics](#).

It occurs to me that [The Dartmouth's](#) student journalists might be interested in following up by investigating and reporting on my above-attached February 18th letter to House DOGE Subcommittee Chair Marjorie Taylor Greene and Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr entitled "Defunding NPR, PBS -- & Firing the CPB's Inspector General, for starters", sent to them by the below e-mail. CJA's website posts the subsequent "[paper trail](#)" of correspondence, chronicling the letter's [explosive](#) odyssey in the three months since, which, like the letter, has been unreported by the press.

Kindly forward this e-mail to your student journalists – and to other [Dartmouth](#) students and professors who would be interested in examining [narrative-rebutting](#) primary-source, documentary evidence as to the state of journalism, our democracy, and the political scene.

I am here cc'ing [Dartmouth student Prescott Herzog](#), quoted by the May 22nd article as saying that NHPR Civics 101 podcasters Christina Phillips, Hannah McCarthy, and Nick Capodice gave "a broad sense of what it means to be a journalist and to try to be objective in reporting the truth in this time of polarization". I am also cc'ing the podcasters, whose referred-to "recent...podcast that addressed defunding media" – presumably that of [May 6th](#) – is superlative, so that they can take the lead in investigating and reporting on this [far-reaching, civics-showcasing, truth-establishing story](#), including by [collaboration](#) with Dartmouth student-journalists. For that purpose, I am additionally cc'ing NHPR's [Senior Political Reporter/Editor Josh Rogers](#), [News Director Dan Barrick](#), and [President/CEO Jim Schechter](#), whose May 2nd article "[The Independence of Public Media Cannot Be Compromised](#)" is materially rebutted by the [February 18th letter](#) and its odyssey since, the latest of which is [my May 22nd e-mail to the lawyers in CPB v. Trump](#).

I would be pleased to answer questions and assist.

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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