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April 1, 1981

Congressman William Frenzel
U.S. House of Representatives
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Frenzel:

I would like to encourage you to strongly protest the 25% reduction and recision in federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This appears to be more than belt tightening; rather it is destruction of a most valuable part of a free society.

Sincerely,

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April 28, 1981

Dr. Henry Blackburn
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding proposed cuts in the budget for National Public Radio.

I enjoy Public Radio very much and am a frequent listener to NPR in Minnesota as well as to NPR's Washington affiliate, WETA. Most people who are able to receive public radio broadcasts around the country agree that its programming is marvelous. By the same token, however, fiscal restraint unfortunately requires cuts in many worthwhile programs, simply because we cannot afford to fund them to the extent we would like.

I believe the President is on the correct course in his approach to the Federal budget. While NPR is put in an awkward position because of the proposed cuts in its budget, it is not alone. Numerous good agencies and good programs will face cuts. The fact that NPR faces cuts for FY 82 gives it the advantage of having at least some lead time to prepare itself for something which seems likely to occur. If NPR is as good as I believe it is, it ought to be able to sustain itself.

I plan to support efforts to improve our country's economy and bring down the crippling rate of inflation. If the spending reductions are successful in reducing inflation, all Americans will benefit.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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