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Congressman Arlan Stangeland
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Stangeland:

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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Dear Dr. Blackburn:


Thank you so much for your letter on funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. I appreciate your sincere expression of concern.

I share your feeling that public radio and television in Minnesota have provided an invaluable service to the communities. Not only Minnesotans have enjoyed this service. Much of the rest of the country, through National Public Radio, have been able to hear the Minnesota Orchestra. And over one million listeners are entertained nationwide on Saturday nights by Garrison Keillor's witty variety show, the "Prairie Home Companion." Fine programming such as this convinces me of the necessity of maintaining the funding of local stations at a substantial level. This must be done in order to ensure that the services these stations provide continue at their present high level of quality. I have the support of the Reagan Administration on this point: the President has proposed keeping funding by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting of local stations at as high a level as possible. The twenty-five percent reduction proposed by the President is directed primarily at CPB's administrative costs and at national programming production. I am convinced that this will not threaten the existence of highly praised programs such as "All Things Considered" or "National Town Meeting." Since the President announced his proposals, contributions to public radio and television stations have increased very dramatically, and various concerns have pledged great amounts of money to support national programming. All of these efforts should guarantee a steady flow of valuable public interest programming into Minnesota.

Again, thank you for your expression of concern. If I can be of any further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to contact me again. I would be happy to hear from you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Arlan Stangeland
Member of Congress