



# AMERICANS FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT

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Ms. Patricia de Stacy Harrison  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
401 Ninth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005-2129

Dear Ms. de Stacy Harrison:

The debate over taxpayer funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has clearly reached a level where disparate opposing points of view should be allowed on stations that receive taxpayer dollars to fund programming. Given the advocacy position that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) has taken on one side of this debate, it is necessary that equal time be given, free of charge, to opposing viewpoints.

Currently, television stations that receive taxpayer funds through the CPB, including WETA which broadcasts in the Washington, DC area, are posting a video clip on their website called "Let Congress Know How You Feel" extolling the virtues of public broadcasting and encouraging viewers to contact their Congressmen.

To help you preserve one of the stated purposes of public broadcasting, Americans for Limited Government is providing a :30 second television advertisement advocating the defunding of CPB for broadcast over your airwaves with equal frequency as the pro-funding piece has received over the past few weeks.

The Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 requires that the CPB operate with a "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 396, available online at: <http://www.cpb.org/aboutpb/act/text.html> (accessed March 16, 2011)

In the spirit of balanced debate over the taxpayer-funded airwaves, we challenge public broadcasting stations to run our ad, without cost, alongside yours through all of your media channels including but not limited to: over the air broadcast, social media, CPB and local station websites, and other communications outlets that are being utilized.

Public broadcasting advocates have loudly proclaimed that you provide a balanced voice for those who otherwise would not have their message heard, now it is time to prove it by running this 30-second piece that balances the position that you are already articulating.

Sincerely,



Bill Wilson  
President

p.s. A broadcast quality version of the ad can be downloaded via satellite at <http://www.algnews.org/videos/ALG%20Wants%20You%20To%20Help%20Defund%20NPR%20%5Bwww.keepvid.com%5D.mp4>

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