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Informational Hearing: Public Media

November 12, 2025 - 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM KPBS Conrad Prebys Media Complex at Copley Center, San Diego State University (SDSU) San Diego, CA

Opening Remarks

Honorable Christopher M. Ward, Chair Members of the Committee

I. Overview: Public Media and impacts to entertainment, programming, and loss of federal funding.

Jennifer Ferro, President KCRW (Los Angeles)

Andrew Russell, President and CEO PBS Southern California

Matt Pearce, Director of Policy Rebuild Local News

II. Public Media content production and Labor

Jack Speer, Broadcaster SAG-AFTRA Member

Nathan Dappen, Filmmaker Co-founder of Day's Edge Productions CHIEF CONSULTANT BRIAN V. ANDERSON, JR. COMMITTEE SECRETARY TABATHA VOGELSANG

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III. Local impacts to communities and audience

Deanna Mackey, General Manager KPBS (San Diego)

José Martínez-Saldaña, Co-Executive Director Radio Bilingüe

Joe Moore, President and General Manager KVPR (Fresno and Bakersfield - covering seven counties in the Central Valley)

Public Comments

Closing Remarks