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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER TRUSTY ON PRESIDENT TRUMP  
SIGNING RESCISSION PACKAGE INTO LAW  
IMPACTING CPB AND PUBLIC MEDIA FUNDING**

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2025—

**Commissioner Olivia Trusty issued the following statement:**

“I am mindful of the long-standing role that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has played in supporting educational and cultural programming across the country, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

However, Americans are increasingly skeptical of media institutions, with trust in media at historic lows. That reality cannot be ignored. It is not unreasonable for taxpayers to expect transparency, accountability, and balance from any outlet receiving federal support. Nor is it unreasonable for Congress to reassess whether public funding models established in a different media era remain justified today, especially when Americans have more access to more content from more sources than ever before.

This action does not signal the end of public media. Instead, it presents an opportunity for innovation, partnerships, and more localized decision-making. As a regulator, I will continue to support policies that promote access and competition in media, without presupposing that one model of funding or content creation should be immune from public scrutiny or reform.”

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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).*