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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY STARKS

WASHINGTON, January 30, 2025—Federal Communications Commission Commissioner Geoffrey Starks issued the following statement following reports that Chairman Carr has opened an investigation into the underwriting practices of NPR and PBS member stations:

“Public television and radio stations play a significant role in our media ecosystem. Any attempt to intimidate these local media outlets is a threat to the free flow of information and the marketplace of ideas. The announcement of this investigation gives me serious concern.”

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