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Subject: Fw: House Rejects Cuts to the CPB
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Orlando,

This is important to be put on the website.

Bob

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From: [Hal Ponder](#)

To: [Robert Bell](#)

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2005 3:30 PM

Subject: House Rejects Cuts to the CPB



From the AFM's Legislative Office

Dear Robert,

Last night, Thursday, June 23rd, the House of Representatives passed an amendment that would rescind the \$100 million cut to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's (CPB) budget. The amendment passed by a large margin, 284 to 140, and many members of Congress cited the large number of calls and letters that they received from their constituents in casting their vote for the amendment.

The AFM, which sent close to 800 letters on this topic in just two days, can take some of the credit for the flood of e-mails that members of Congress received. By speaking up, members of the AFM, along with other concerned groups, demonstrated the strong level of support that such venerable broadcast outlets as National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) have at the local level. As professional musicians, this amendment also means that thousands of our colleagues who rely on NPR and PBS for work and income will keep their jobs.

Thank you to everyone who took action and contacted their congressperson on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Hal Ponder
 Director of Government Relations
 American Federation of Musicians

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