

August 18, 2005

Ms. Chellie Pingree
President
Common Cause
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Pingree:

Thank you very much for the suggestions in your letter dated July 27, 2005 and co-signed by your colleagues. CPB is committed to transparency and openness in its processes and to assisting its grantees to provide the best in free over-the-air public service media to the American public, and we appreciate your comments.

CPB is a private, nonprofit corporation created by Congress. We have statutory obligations that ensure transparency and openness, and we have developed other mechanisms throughout our business and other internal processes that also reflect this commitment. For that reason, many of the specific concerns you raised in your letter are addressed by current practice and policy.

As required by law, CPB board meetings are generally open to the public. We have held three open meetings so far this year, and two more are planned. The CPB board is reserving time for a public comments session in conjunction with its next meeting on September 27. On behalf of the board, I invite you to make a five-minute presentation to the CPB board at that time. Please contact Teresa Safon, Corporate Secretary, to make the necessary arrangements.

Finally, although members of the board will not be available for individual meetings, I am happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient date after the board meeting.

I look forward to continue working with you in the months to come.

Sincerely,

/s/

Patricia de Stacy Harrison