ANOTHER CHALLENGE!
The Future of Public Broadcasting Needs Your Help

The U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee has proposed more than $220 million in devastating cuts in federal funding for public broadcasting in the new fiscal year.

To us this has disastrous potential to harm one of America's truly valuable and cost-effective educational resources. Locally to KTWU, these cuts could eliminate $150,000 in funding. A reduction that large is equivalent to our budget for an entire season of SUNFLOWER JOURNEYS. It would be a crippling blow to KTWU and would severely impact what we could provide to our viewers.

We know many of you will try to offset any federal revenue losses with your increased support. But if you agree that public broadcasting is a worthy candidate for support – even in these belt-tightening times – there is still time to make your voice heard before final federal action takes place.

An email, call or letter to your representatives in Congress in Washington, D.C. is the best way to express your support for public broadcasting. If you have demonstrated support for KTWU through your own financial contributions, tell them so. Tell them you are doing as much as you can for KTWU and that continued federal support is necessary to ensure the continued quality of the programs you like best. And be sure they know how important public broadcasting is to you, your family and your community.

The time to take action is now as voting on the reductions is eminent! The recommended cut in funding would result in local television receiving less federal financial assistance for operations. This almost certainly would cause KTWU to cancel educational services, reduce local programming production and curtail the ability to get new programming for our community.

Please ask your representatives in Washington to commit to supporting any amendments or other legislative remedies to provide level funding for all public broadcasting programs.

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