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Iowa Public Radio Statement on Corporation for Public Broadcasting Funding

Des Moines, IA (March 16, 2017): Myrna Johnson, Executive Director of Iowa Public Radio, provided the following statement regarding the President’s proposed elimination of federal funding for public media.

“Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) funding is a very important funding source for Iowa Public Radio, helping us serve our 240,000 listeners with high quality news and cultural programming. Losing CPB support would be a blow to IPR, taking away an important part of our funding mix, and diminishing a service that Iowans have depended on for news, civil discourse, culture and entertainment for nearly a century. In addition, this proposed cut would do little to reduce federal spending. At just \$1.35 per person, CPB funding is a bargain that reaps significant benefits and builds strong communities here in Iowa and across the country.”