

*To whomever it concerns:*

I strongly believe that the ABC Board should continue to include a representative of the ABC staff, nominated from, and elected by, the ABC staff

I reject any proposal that would result in an ABC Board consisting solely of political appointees.

In fact, it is my FIRM conviction that, as a publicly funded Statutory Corporation, that the ABC Board should ALSO include a member appointed as a DIRECT representative of the community , with no political connections whatsoever.

Moreover, the choice of this person should be the result of wide consultation with a roster of respected AND relevant community groups, including nominations received from viewers and listeners, and from ABC-specific associations such as the Friends of the ABC.

Most importantly, as occurs now re the staff Boardmember, there should be no way for politicians to vet or veto this community selection.

Trusting this makes it abundantly clear that I fully support the current system of election for a staff member on the ABC Board,

Yours faithfully

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