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Dear Ms. Lake,

Congress requires the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) to provide objective and credible information to millions of people in repressive environments. The Voice of America and the other broadcasters and grantees that USAGM supports are critical for countering misinformation and anti-American propaganda and advancing U.S. values and leadership in some of the most truth-starved regions of the world.

During your testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on June 25, you made clear that the Trump Administration's plan for USAGM is to dismantle, effectively surrendering the global information space to America's adversaries. This reckless decision comes at a time when authoritarian regimes like China and Russia are ramping up misinformation about the United States and cracking down on independent media and an open, free Internet. You predicated this decision on false narratives and long debunked conspiracies. As part of your opening statement, Chairman Mast noted that you had, "provided binders and binders of information" to justify your actions. However, I understand that you did not leave those binders with the Committee as part of the official hearing record.

In your exchange with Members, furthermore, you committed to providing the Committee with additional information. Specifically, you pledged to Members that you would share documentation of your evaluation and assessment process that led to your decision to reduce USAGM's operations to statutory minimums. I write today to follow up on your commitment to Members of the Committee and to request the following documentation by July 25, 2025:

1. Written analysis, including meeting minutes, and other documents related to your consultations on and assessments of potential changes prior to March 15, 2025;
2. Emails and other documentation of your meetings with USAGM staff or staff from the broadcasters and entities it supports;
3. The binders of documentation that Chairman Mast said that you provided the Committee; written documentation relevant to the shuttering and altering of USAGM operations, including withholding of funds to USAGM grantees and reduction in workforce plans.

USAGM and the broadcasters and grantees it supports have a storied history of success in reaching critical audiences around the world, yet this administration has unilaterally decided to

withdraw from this legacy. I strongly urge you to provide a thorough and timely response to my requests.

Thank you for your attention to these vital matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory W. Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

GREGORY W. MEEKS  
Ranking Member

CC: The Honorable Brian Mast, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee