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Federal Election Commission
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Re: Complaint Against National Public Radio (NPR)
for Violations of 11 C.F.R. Section 100.73

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

On behalf of Alexander Tomescu, the United States Justice Foundation (“USJF”)¹, and Policy Issues Institute (“PII”)², please accept this letter, along with the accompanying USJF report entitled “NPR Exposed: Why NPR Fails FEC Press Exemption,” as a Complaint against the National Public Radio (“NPR”) corporation for violations of 11 C.F.R. Section 100.73. (52 U.S.C. Section 30109 & 30107; 11 C.F.R. Section 111.4)

Throughout the current 2024 general election cycle, and since at least the 2020 election cycle, NPR and its employees and agents clearly and unmistakably engaged in express advocacy in support of the Democratic nominee for the President of the United States (initially, President Joe Biden, and later, Vice President Kamala Harris) and in opposition to the Republican nominee, former President Donald J.

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² Policy Issues Institute (<https://www.policyissuesinstitute.com/>) publishes papers, newsletters, and websites to collect and disseminate information on public policy and media issues. PII’s published materials aim to encourage citizen involvement. PII conducts research on American public policy, including energy, education, taxes, crime, transportation, and natural resources and provides valuable information to the public on the importance of these issues.

Trump. In doing so, NPR failed to meet the Federal Election Commission's standard of a "bona fide news organization."

Pursuant to applicable law, specifically 11 C.F.R. Section 100.73, a bona fide news organization is entitled to an extremely significant exemption from federal campaign spending restrictions. As this Complaint sets forth in detail, NPR advocates for the Democratic Presidential nominee and against the Republican Presidential nominee in a manner that transgresses the "bona fide news media" exemption and instead meets the "express advocacy" standard set forth in 52 U.S.C. Section 30101(17) and 11 C.F.R. Section 100.22(b).

Accordingly, we request that the Commission find reason to believe (2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(2)) that Respondents have violated the Act, conduct an investigation to determine the extent of the violations, and take appropriate enforcement action to protect the public interest and the integrity of our electoral and campaign finance system.

**The Press Exemption from the Federal
Election Campaign Act's Definition of "Expenditure"**

The First Amendment's "Free Press" clause is a recognition of the importance that the press plays in the political affairs of our country. The vital role that the press plays in our democracy is affirmed by the press exemption, which excludes from the Federal Election Campaign Act's (the "Act" or "FECA") definition of expenditure "any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station..." (11 C.F.R. Section 100.73). However, the press exemption only applies if the news is presented as part of "a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts *that give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates* in the circulation or listening area" (*Id.*, at Section 100.73(b); emphasis added).

NPR is Not a Bona Fide News Organization

In its coverage of the 2024 presidential election, NPR fails to meet the Commission's definition of a bona fide news organization due to its express advocacy in support of the Democratic nominee and its open hostility to former President Trump. Accordingly, the commentary, analysis, and editorializing by NPR's employees and agents should not be subject to the Act's press exemption. Instead, a fair assessment of NPR's coverage of the Presidential race should be treated as an ongoing violation of federal election campaign contribution and expenditure restrictions, because NPR's "reporting" amounts to an illegal, undisclosed corporate contribution, initially to the Biden campaign and now to the Harris campaign.

NPR Engages in "Express Advocacy"

Under 11. C.F.R. Section 100.22(b)(1-2), express advocacy occurs in connection with communications which, "when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidate(s) because – 1) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive of only one meaning; and 2) Reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect or defeat one or more clearly identified candidate(s) or encourages some other kind of action."

It has been apparent over the last several months and years, both before and after Vice President Harris became the Democratic nominee, that NPR, and several of its employees and agents, were expressly advocating for the election and policies of the Democratic nominee and against those of the Republican nominee. Indeed, it is abundantly clear that NPR, through its editorial decisions and the presentation of the news by its employees and agents, was unabashedly engaging in express advocacy in favor of Biden, and now Harris, NPR demonstrated its failure to meet

the Act’s free press exemption for campaign expenditure restrictions through its express advocacy against former President Trump.

Among the examples that support this conclusion, which are discussed in considerable detail in the USJF Report, are the following:

The Democratic Party Exercises Control Over NPR

The Democratic Party, through its donors, volunteers, and agents, constitutes, and exercises control over, a majority of NPR’s Board of Directors, including NPR President and CEO Katherine Maher & Foundation Board Chair John McGinn. Importantly, the press exemption does not apply to media corporations that are controlled by a political party committee, political committee, or candidate. (2 U.S.C. 431(9)(B)(i); 11 CFR 100.7(b)(2); 100.8(b)(2); FEC Advisory Opinion 1982-44.) “Corporate contribution prohibitions would apply with equal force to all media corporations unless their activities fall within the specific exemption for any news story, commentary, or editorial (USJF Report, at 3 & 9-33.)

NPR Fails to Operate Like a Typical News Organization

NPR’s activity surrounding its treatment of former President Trump constitutes campaign activity and, as such, requires proper campaign finance disclosure. In April 2024, then-NPR employee Uri Berliner, a Peabody Award-winning journalist who worked at NPR for 25 years, described extreme bias at NPR, a failure to abide by journalistic ethical standards, and a political operation to stop Donald Trump’s 2024 presidential campaign. NPR’s actions constitute reportable campaign activities as they are not typical journalistic activities, nor are they a “legitimate press function.” (USJF Report, at 3 & 37-38.)

NPR fails to meet the standard for a press exemption insofar as it does not operate like a typical news organization. NPR hired President and CEO Katherine Maher – a former Biden for President campaign volunteer who has made numerous federal campaign contributions to Democrat campaigns or political action

committees and has been a vocal Trump opponent – even though she had never worked in journalism. In 2024, Berliner criticized the hiring of Maher as moving NPR in the wrong direction away from ethical journalism. (USJF Report, at 3 & 34-36.)

NPR Fails the Federal Court’s Press Exemption Framework

In considering the scope of the press exemption, the Commission has relied on a two-part framework presented in *Reader’s Digest Association v. FEC*, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1215 (S.D.N.Y. 1981): (1) Whether the press entity is owned or controlled by a political party, political committee, or candidate; and (2) Whether the press entity is acting as a press entity in conducting the activity at issue (i.e., whether the entity is acting in its "legitimate press function").³ It is our contention, provided via the evidence set forth herein, and more thoroughly covered in the attached USJF report)⁴ that NPR has failed both parts of this framework, namely that it is controlled by the Democratic Party and that it does not *act as a press entity* in covering the candidates for President in the 2024 election cycle.

“If, for example, on Election Day a partisan newspaper hired an army of incognito propaganda distributors to stand on street corners denouncing allegedly illegal acts of a candidate and sent sound trucks through the streets blaring the same denunciations, all in a manner unrelated to the sale of its newspapers, this activity would not come within the press exemption even though it might comply with a technical reading of the statutory exemption, being a "news story ... distributed through the facilities of ... [a] newspaper." NPR’s activities meet this test. *Reader’s Digest, Id.* (USJF Report, at 3; 9-33 & 39-43.)

For added context regarding the conduct of NPR and its employees and agents – including its anchors, hosts, contributors, and analysts – please consider Judge Silberman’s recent partial dissent in *Tah v. Global Witness* (2021) 991 F.3d 231, in which he correctly pointed to the corrosive effects of having major media

³ FEC Advisory Opinion 2004-07

⁴ <https://usjf.net/2021/02/09/NPRs-systemic-bias-express-advocacy/>

organizations acting as “virtually Democratic Party broadsheets” and his observations that “one-party control of the press and media is a threat to a viable democracy” and “the overwhelming uniformity of news bias in the United States has an enormous political impact.”⁵

This Complaint asserts that NPR is not operating as a bona fide news organization, and instead essentially conducts itself as a public relations branch of the Democratic Party, actively advocating for the election of clearly identified Federal candidates and expressly advocating for the defeat of opposing Federal candidates. We believe discovery of documents, such as emails, texts and written documents, between NPR, Democratic National Committee personnel, and Democratic campaigns such as Biden for President and Harris for President, regarding NPR’s planned broadcasts (2 U.S.C. Section 437d) would offer proof of this assertion.

We respectfully ask the Commission to commence an investigation into whether NPR should be considered a bona fide news organization protected by the press exemption, given its biased coverage in favor of Presidential candidates Biden and Harris, constituting in-kind contributions and expenditures on the candidates’ behalf. We also ask that the Commission freshly consider the broad scope of the press exemption as currently understood, insofar as the conduct of the press, we contend, has had deleterious effects on the level of civil discourse in our country.

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⁵[https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/C5F7840A6FFFCF648525869D004ECAC5/\\$file/19-7132-1890626.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/C5F7840A6FFFCF648525869D004ECAC5/$file/19-7132-1890626.pdf)

We declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, that the facts stated in this Complaint are true of our own personal knowledge, except as to any matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, we are informed and believe them to be true.

Executed this 8 day of October, 2024 in Laguna Niguel California.

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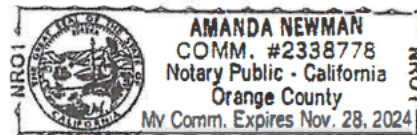
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Executive Summary

Press Exemption Does Not Apply to Entities Controlled by Political Party, Candidate, or Committee

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) Press Exemption does not apply to media corporations that are controlled by any political party committee, political committee, or candidate. The Democratic Party, through its donors, volunteers, and agents, constitutes, and exercises control over, a majority of the National Public Radio (NPR) Board of Directors, including NPR President and CEO Katherine Maher & Foundation Board Chair John McGinn.

Non-Exempt Activity: NPR "Efforts to Damage or Topple Trump's Presidency"

NPR's activity surrounding its treatment of political candidate Donald J. Trump constitutes campaign activity and, as such, requires proper campaign finance disclosure. In April 2024, then-NPR employee Uri Berliner, a Peabody Award-winning journalist who worked at NPR for 25 years, described extreme bias at NPR, its failure to abide by journalistic ethical standards, and a political operation to stop Donald Trump's presidential campaign. He explains: NPR "veered toward efforts to damage or topple Trump's presidency." NPR's actions constitute reportable campaign activities as they are not typical journalistic activities, nor are they a "legitimate press function."

NPR Fails to Operate Like a Typical News Organization

NPR fails to meet the standard for a press exemption as its activities do not operate like those of a typical news organization. NPR has hired, as its President and CEO, Katherine Maher, who has never worked in journalism. In 2024, then-NPR journalist Uri Berliner criticized the hiring as moving NPR in the wrong direction away from ethical journalism.

New NPR President Katherine Maher: Democrat Donor & Biden Volunteer

Katherine Maher serves as President and CEO of NPR. In this capacity, she has prima facie control over the organization. Maher holds the highest leadership position and has broad authority over the organization's operations, strategy, and editorial direction. In November 2020, Maher volunteered for the Biden for President campaign. Since 2016, Maher has made 13 federal campaign contributions to Democrat campaigns or Political Action Committees. In addition to pro-Democrat



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advocacy, Maher has been a vocal opponent of Donald Trump, the Republican candidate for President.

Maher's Statements Conflict with Professional Journalist Code of Ethics

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics for professional journalists to follow. Journalists should "Seek Truth and Report It." In 2022, Maher made statements in direct opposition to this journalistic code of conduct. She said "Our reverence for the truth might be a distraction that is getting in the way of finding common ground and getting things done." According to published reports by the New York Times, following Maher's hiring NPR implemented a new editing review process for stories that is being funded by an anonymous donor.

NPR Foundation Chair & Board Member John McGinn: Maxed-Out Biden Contributor - \$90k to Democrats

John McGinn serves as a member of NPR's Board of Directors. Additionally, as NPR Foundation Chair, McGinn holds unique power to confirm the appointment of 9 Public Directors to NPR's Board of Directors. In 2020, during his tenure as NPR Foundation Chair, McGinn contributed \$5,600 to Joe Biden's presidential campaign. FEC disclosure reports list NPR as being affiliated with McGinn at least five times. In total, McGinn made at least 39 contributions totaling \$90,237.50 to Democrat candidates, including the Democratic National Committee, Joe Biden, and Hillary Clinton.

10 Additional NPR Board Members are Political Donors to Democrats, Anti-Trump

Ten additional members of NPR's Board of Directors have donated to Democrat candidates or campaigns. NPR Board Member Matthew Barzun served as National Finance Chair for the 2012 Obama-Biden campaign, is a two-time Obama-Biden appointee, and raised more than \$1.2 Million in campaign contributions for the Obama-Biden campaigns. Barzun donated \$55,700 directly to the Biden for President campaigns. Other NPR Board members contributing to Biden or Democrat campaigns are: Scott Donaton, Shawn Turner, R.C. McBride, Catherine Levene, Neal Zuckerman, Howard Wollner, Milena Alberti-Perez, Leroy Kim, and Judith Segura.

NPR's Actions Were Heavily Influenced by Political Figure Adam Schiff

Then-NPR journalist Uri Berliner describes how NPR was heavily influenced by a political candidate and was effectively reprinting unsubstantiated propaganda; either



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action would disqualify those activities from protection under the press exemption. According to then-NPR journalist Berliner, NPR “hitched our wagon to Trump’s most visible antagonist, Representative Adam Schiff... By my count, NPR hosts interviewed Schiff 25 times about Trump and Russia. During many of those conversations, Schiff alluded to purported evidence of collusion.” A political candidate, Adam Schiff, therefore controlled NPR’s coverage of Trump as “NPR’s guiding hand” and “its ever-present muse,” as stated by Berliner.

Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: Disseminating Biden Campaign Propaganda

NPR activities in and around October 2020 to actively suppress public speech about Hunter Biden’s laptop are not a legitimate press function. NPR reprinted Biden campaign propaganda. On October 17, 2020, NPR published a story on its website without any campaign finance “paid for by” disclaimer. The story reprinted Biden campaign propaganda. In light of Berliner’s statements about NPR’s motives, this story should be viewed as campaign activity intended to influence the 2020 presidential election. The infamous and now-debunked letter by more than 50 intelligence experts was done at the behest of the Biden campaign.

NPR Activities Not Exempt Per Landmark Readers Digest Precedent

Reader’s Digest Ass’n v. FEC (1981) 509 F. Supp. 1210, identifies activities by bona fide press entities that do not qualify for the press exemption: “If, for example, on Election Day a partisan newspaper hired an army of incognito propaganda distributors to stand on street corners denouncing allegedly illegal acts of a candidate and sent sound trucks through the streets blaring the same denunciations, all in a manner unrelated to the sale of its newspapers, this activity would not come within the press exemption even though it might comply with a technical reading of the statutory exemption, being a “news story ... distributed through the facilities of ... [a] newspaper.” NPR’s activities meet this test:

- **Election Day:** NPR’s activities occurred during the election. At the time of publication, October 17, 2020, mail-in voting was actively in progress.
- **Partisan Newspaper:** NPR’s Directors are major campaign contributors to the Biden campaign and Democratic committees.
- **Incognito Propaganda Distributors:** NPR did not disclose at the time that its coverage was driven by then-Biden campaign operative Antony Blinken. NPR reprinted Biden’s false statements intended to persuade voters.



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- **Through the streets blaring the same denunciations:** NPR published its article on the internet, which is the modern-day equivalent of streets and street corners.

Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: NPR Managing Editor Statement re: Hunter Biden's Laptop

On or about October 22, 2020, NPR's then-Managing Editor, Terence Samuel, issued a statement to influence public opinion and the outcome of the election. The statement read: ""We don't want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories, and we don't want to waste the listeners' and readers' time on stories that are just pure distractions." This social media post failed to include any "paid for by" disclaimer, nor is there any evidence to suggest that it was reported as an in-kind contribution to any political committee. The Tweet garnered more than 27,000 replies, 17,000 retweets and 18,000 hearts/likes. Such statistics would be equivalent to several thousand dollars in free advertising.

Not "Distinguishable From Active Participation In Core Campaign Or Electioneering Functions"

By issuing a statement on the Hunter Biden laptop issue and publishing on social media, NPR spent money that influenced a federal election. Issuing statements is a common campaign activity. Moreover, NPR's managing editor was directly refuting actions by the Trump campaign. In October 2020, the Trump campaign issued more than a half-dozen press releases on Hunter Biden.

NPR Admission: Activity Intended to Influence the Election

NPR journalist Uri Berliner has stated that the outcome of the election influenced NPR's actions. Such admission would provide probable cause for the FEC to further investigate the extent to which NPR expended funds to influence the election. "I listened as one of NPR's best and most fair-minded journalists said it was good we weren't following the laptop story because it could help Trump."

Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: NPR Public Editor Tweets & Emails

On or about October 22, 2020, NPR's Public Editor published multiple electronic communications, including internet postings, social media postings, and electronic newsletter communications, that constituted political campaign advocacy, were not protected by the press exemption, and were reportable campaign expenditures.



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FEC Advisory Opinion 1982-44 states:

“Corporate contribution prohibitions would apply with equal force to all media corporations unless their activities fall within the specific exemption for any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication which are not owned or controlled by any political party committee, political committee or candidate. See 2 U.S.C. 431(9)(B)(i); 11 CFR 100.7(b)(2), 100.8(b)(2).¹

As further explained in FEC Advisory Opinion AO 2008-14:

To determine whether the press exemption applies to a particular situation, the Commission first asks whether the entity engaging in the activity is a press or media entity. Second, it applies a two-part analysis to determine that the entity is:

- *Not owned or controlled by a party, political committee or candidate²*

The Democratic Party Controls a Majority of NPR’s Board of Directors

The Democratic Party, through its donors, volunteers, and agents, has constructive control of the NPR’s Board of Directors, including holding the important positions of NPR CEO and Foundation Board Chair.

¹ FEC, Advisory Opinion 1982-44, at 2-3 (Aug. 27, 1982) <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/1982-44/1982-44.pdf>

² Federal Election Commission. (2009, January 2). AO 2008-14: Internet campaign TV station qualifies for press exemption. <https://www.fec.gov/updates/ao-2008-14-internet-tv-station-qualifies-for-press-exemption/>

NPR: Controlled By Democratic Party Agents Through Donors, Political Operatives & Campaign Volunteers

Case #1: Katherine Maher: President and CEO

Katherine Maher serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of National Public Radio.³ In this capacity, she has prima facie control over the organization. Maher holds the highest leadership position and has broad authority over the organization's operations, strategy, and editorial direction.⁴

*Biden 2020 Campaign
Involvement: Maher Participated
in Get Out The Vote Campaign for
Biden for President*

In November 2020, "Maher shared a photo of herself participating in the get out the vote effort in Arizona on behalf of Biden in 2020, even wearing a "Biden for President" hat."⁵



³ National Public Radio. (2024, January 24). NPR names tech executive Katherine Maher to lead in turbulent era. <https://www.npr.org/2024/01/24/1226035539/npr-ceo-katherine-maher-wikimedia>

⁴ NPR. (2024, January 24). NPR names Katherine Maher President and CEO. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/1226552103/npr-names-katherine-maher-president-and-ceo>

⁵ Wulfsohn, J. A. (2024, April 22). Katherine Maher's past political activity flies in the face of NPR's ethics handbook. Fox News. <https://www.foxnews.com/media/katherine-mahers-past-political-activity-flies-face-nprs-ethics-handbook>



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Democrat Campaign Contributions: Maher Has Made 13 Contributions to Democrat Campaigns or PACs.

Since 2016, Maher has made 13 federal campaign contributions to Democrat campaigns or Political Action Committees.

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount	Memo
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	11/15/2016	12.5	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	11/15/2016	125	EARMARKED FOR FOSTER CAMPBELL FOR THE US SENATE (C00611988)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	11/22/2017	10	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	11/22/2017	100	EARMARKED FOR DOUG JONES FOR US SENATE (C00640623)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	2/12/2020	100	EARMARKED FOR WARREN FOR PRESIDENT, INC. (C00693234)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	2/29/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR WARREN FOR PRESIDENT, INC. (C00693234)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	2/12/2020	10	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	12/13/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR FAIR FIGHT, INC. PAC - FEDERAL (C00693515)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	12/13/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR MIJENTE PAC - UNLIMITED (C00738039)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	12/13/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR BLACK VOTERS MATTER ACTION PAC (C00753277)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	12/13/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR NEW SOUTH SUPER PAC (C00758789)
ACTBLUE	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	12/13/2020	50	EARMARKED FOR ASIAN AMERICAN ADVOCACY FUND PAC (C00739557)
FAIR FIGHT	MAHER, KATHERINE	WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION	CEO	11/7/2020	500	NON-CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Maher Has Engaged in Repeated Partisan Pro-Democrat Social Media Advocacy

According to a review of her social media posts:



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"Maher was "excited" about Elizabeth Warren in 2012." ⁶



"She "just [couldn't] wait to vote" for Hillary in 2016." ⁷



"She once had a dream about "sampling and comparing nuts and baklava on roadside stands" with Kamala Harris." ⁸



⁶ Rufo, C. F. (2024, April 18). Quotations from Chairman Maher. City Journal. <https://www.city-journal.org/article/quotations-from-chairman-maher>

⁷ Rufo, C. F. (2024, April 18). Quotations from Chairman Maher. City Journal. <https://www.city-journal.org/article/quotations-from-chairman-maher>

⁸ Rufo, C. F. (2024, April 18). Quotations from Chairman Maher. City Journal. <https://www.city-journal.org/article/quotations-from-chairman-maher>



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Maier Has Engaged in Repeated Partisan Anti-Trump Social Media Advocacy

Maier “celebrated the banishment of then-president Donald Trump from social media, writing: “Must be satisfying to deplatform fascists. Even more satisfying? Not platforming them in the first place.””⁹



Maier has attacked President Donald Trump as a “deranged racist sociopath.”¹⁰



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Case #2 John McGinn: NPR Foundation Chair & Board Member

“John McGinn serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”¹²

⁹ Rufo, C. F. (2024, April 18). Quotations from Chairman Maher. City Journal. <https://www.city-journal.org/article/quotations-from-chairman-maher>

¹⁰ Rufo, C. F. (2024, April 18). Quotations from Chairman Maher. City Journal. <https://www.city-journal.org/article/quotations-from-chairman-maher>

¹¹ Maher, K. [@krmaher]. (2020, May 14). [Tweet text]. Twitter <https://twitter.com/krmaher/status/1260960520586145797>

¹² NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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Additionally, as NPR Foundation Chair, McGinn holds unique power to confirm the appointment of 9 Public Directors to NPR's Board of Directors.¹³

According to its Form 990 tax return ending on September 30, 2022, "The NPR Foundation ("Foundation") is a supporting organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of its sole member, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR, Inc.)."¹⁴

Contributions to Biden 2020: During Tenure as NPR Foundation Chair, McGinn Contributed to Joe Biden's Campaign

"John McGinn was elected as the NPR Foundation Board of Trustees Chair for a term beginning in November 2019, which will also make him an ex officio director of the NPR Board."¹⁵

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	SELF EMPLOYED	4/22/2020	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/1/2020	2800

5 Contributions to Democrats Identified NPR as McGinn's Employer in FEC Reports

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
GILLIBRAND 2020	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	3/2/2019	2800
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	8/11/2017	2700
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	8/11/2017	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NPR	VICE-CHAIRMAN	12/18/2019	2800
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NPR	VICE-CHAIRMAN	12/18/2019	2800

¹³ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>

¹⁴ United States. Internal Revenue Service. (2022). Form 990: Return of organization exempt from income tax [PDF]. [https://pdf.guidestar.org/PDF/Images/2022/521/795/2022-521795789-202342239349301404-](https://pdf.guidestar.org/PDF/Images/2022/521/795/2022-521795789-202342239349301404-9.pdf?_gl=1*1rlz1gy*_gcl_au*NDE5MTAyOTkyLjE3MTc2MDU1Njg.*_ga*MTc0NTA5NzAuMTcxNzYwNTU2OA..*_ga_5W8PXYGBX*MTcxNzYwNTU2Ny4xLjEuMTcxNzYwNTcyNS42MC4wLjA[1])

[9.pdf?_gl=1*1rlz1gy*_gcl_au*NDE5MTAyOTkyLjE3MTc2MDU1Njg.*_ga*MTc0NTA5NzAuMTcxNzYwNTU2OA..*_ga_5W8PXYGBX*MTcxNzYwNTU2Ny4xLjEuMTcxNzYwNTcyNS42MC4wLjA\[1\]](https://pdf.guidestar.org/PDF/Images/2022/521/795/2022-521795789-202342239349301404-9.pdf?_gl=1*1rlz1gy*_gcl_au*NDE5MTAyOTkyLjE3MTc2MDU1Njg.*_ga*MTc0NTA5NzAuMTcxNzYwNTU2OA..*_ga_5W8PXYGBX*MTcxNzYwNTU2Ny4xLjEuMTcxNzYwNTcyNS42MC4wLjA[1])

¹⁵ NPR. (2020, September 14). NPR Board Welcomes Newly Elected Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/760503976/npr-board-welcomes-newly-elected-directors>



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Democrat Contributions: John McGinn Has Made 39 Contributions to Democrat Candidates, Including the Democratic National Committee, Biden for President, and Hillary Clinton for President, Totaling \$90,237.50

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF	CONSULTANT	8/3/2022	2900
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/26/2021	2900
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/26/2021	2900
FUTURE FIRST LEADERSHIP PAC	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	RETIRED	1/31/2021	1000
WARNOCK FOR GEORGIA	MCGINN, JOHN	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	12/9/2020	2800
JON OSSOFF FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	12/7/2020	2800
MAX ROSE FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	NOT EMPLOYED	10/20/2020	2800
ACTBLUE	MCGINN, JOHN	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	10/19/2020	280
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	SELF EMPLOYED	4/22/2020	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/1/2020	2800
WIN THE ERA PAC	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	1/8/2020	2800
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NPR	VICE-CHAIRMAN	12/18/2019	2800
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NPR	VICE-CHAIRMAN	12/18/2019	2800
GILLIBRAND 2020	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	3/2/2019	2800
ACTBLUE	MCGINN, JOHN	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	3/2/2019	280
KEN HARBAUGH FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	2/8/2018	62.5
SERVE AMERICA VICTORY FUND	MCGINN, JOHN	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	2/8/2018	1000
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	8/11/2017	2700
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOUNDATION	VICE CHAIRMAN	8/11/2017	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	RETIRED	RETIRED	3/3/2017	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	RETIRED	RETIRED	3/3/2017	2700
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	11/6/2016	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	NONE	6/29/2015	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	NONE	6/29/2015	2700
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF-EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	6/2/2015	2700



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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
OFF THE SIDELINES PAC	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	ENTREPRENEUR INVESTOR	8/11/2014	5000
ACTBLUE	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF	CONSULTANT	3/14/2013	15
SEAN ELDRIDGE FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/14/2013	2600
SEAN ELDRIDGE FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	3/14/2013	2600
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	NONE	3/6/2013	2600
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	MCGINN, JOHN	NONE	NONE	3/6/2013	2600
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	ENTREPRENEUR INVESTOR	6/12/2012	2500
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	ENTREPRENEUR INVESTOR	6/12/2012	2500
BOB MASSIE FOR US SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF	CONSULTING	6/20/2011	1000
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	MCGINN, JOHN	SELF EMPLOYED	ENTREPRENEUR	10/15/2010	2400
HILLARY CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT	MCGINN, JOHN	CITIGROUP	BANKING	2/7/2008	2300
FRIENDS OF HILLARY	MCGINN, JOHN	CITIGROUP		6/2/2004	2000
FRIENDS OF HILLARY	MCGINN, JOHN	CITIGROUP		6/2/2004	2000
JOHN KERRY FOR PRESIDENT, INC	MCGINN, JOHN	CITIGROUP	BANKING	3/8/2004	2000

Case #3: Scott Donaton: Member of NPR Board of Directors

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Scott Donaton Has Contributed to Joe Biden's Campaigns

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/14/2020	25
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/1/2020	25
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/6/2020	15
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	9/30/2020	250
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN VICTORY FUND	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/1/2020	25

¹⁶ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/14/2020	25
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/25/2020	50
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/25/2020	50
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN VICTORY FUND	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/6/2020	15

Democrat Contributions: Scott Donaton Has Made 36 Contributions to Democrat Candidates, Including the Democratic National Committee, Biden for President, and Hillary Clinton for President

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	10/15/2016	200
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	10/14/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	9/18/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	10/9/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	9/30/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	9/26/2016	25
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	11/5/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	11/7/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	11/6/2016	200
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING	7/30/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING	7/25/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	8/16/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	8/31/2016	100
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING	7/12/2016	500
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	ENTERTAINMENT, MARKETING	10/17/2016	10
DNC SERVICES CORP./DEM. NAT'L COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	4/26/2018	151
ACTBLUE: EARMARKED FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	6/8/2017	25
ACTBLUE: EARMARKED FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	9/16/2018	151



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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
ACTBLUE: EARMARKED FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	3/31/2018	50
ACTBLUE: EARMARKED FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	4/26/2018	151
ACTBLUE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	3/31/2018	5
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	CREATIVE	4/30/2019	201
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	5/24/2020	250
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	9/4/2020	15
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	CREATIVE EXECUTIVE	2/29/2020	250
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	CREATIVE	7/31/2020	500
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/14/2020	25
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/1/2020	25
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/6/2020	15
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	9/30/2020	250
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN VICTORY FUND	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/1/2020	25
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/14/2020	25
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR VOTER PROTECTION PROJECT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	9/30/2020	100
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	DIGITAS	MARKETING	10/25/2020	50
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/25/2020	50
ACTBLUE EARMARKED FOR BIDEN VICTORY FUND	DONATON, SCOTT	HULU	MARKETING	10/6/2020	15

Case #4: Matthew Barzun - Member of NPR Board of Directors

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Barzun Classified as Major Democrat Bundler, Obama-Biden Appointee, and Former National Finance Chair for Obama-Biden Campaign & Raised \$1.2 Million for Obama-Biden Campaign

Matthew Winthrop Barzun served as National Finance Chair for Obama's 2012 campaign. Barzun is a two-time Obama-Biden appointee: as both the ambassador to Sweden ¹⁸ and as the ambassador to the United Kingdom. These appointments were made after Barzun raised more than \$1.2 Million in campaign contributions for the Obama-Biden campaign. ¹⁹

Barzun Major Donor to Democrat Campaigns: \$347,200 in Nearly 100 Direct Contributions

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
AMERICAN POSSIBILITIES PAC	BARZUN, MATTHEW	OBAMA FOR AMERICA	NATIONAL FINANCE CHAIR	6/7/2018	5000
AMY MCGRATH FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	6/28/2018	2700
AMY MCGRATH FOR SENATE, INC.	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	5/7/2020	2000
AMY MCGRATH FOR SENATE, INC.	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	7/13/2020	2800
BETO FOR TEXAS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/18/2018	2700
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	4/25/2019	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2020	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2020	33500
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	10000
BOOKER FOR KENTUCKY	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	4/14/2021	2900
BOOKER FOR KENTUCKY	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLICIST	9/24/2021	2900
BOOKER FOR KENTUCKY	BARZUN, MATTHEW	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	1/5/2023	1000
BOOKER FOR THE PEOPLE, LTD	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PUBLISHER	6/9/2020	2800
BOOKER FOR THE PEOPLE, LTD	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	11/26/2020	5000
BREDESEN FOR SENATE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	3/20/2018	1000

¹⁸ Charles Ray and Bob Silverman, "Qualified ambassadors - not campaign donors - should represent US", The Hill (Feb. 12, 2021), <https://thehill.com/opinion/international/538574-qualified-ambassadors-not-campaign-donors-should-represent-us/>

¹⁹ Beckel, M., & Levine, C. (2024, April 8). Barack Obama's ambassador legacy: plum postings for big donors. Center for Public Integrity. <https://publicintegrity.org/politics/barack-obamas-ambassador-legacy-plum-postings-for-big-donors/>



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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BRIAN FORDE FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	PHILANTHROPIST	SELF	3/13/2018	500
CAL FOR NC	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	7/13/2020	1000
CANON FOR INDIANA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2017	250
CAVELL FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	6/30/2020	500
DAN FOR COLORADO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	DEPARTMENT OF STATE	FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR	7/20/2017	2700
DAN FOR COLORADO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	DEPARTMENT OF STATE	FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR	7/20/2017	2700
DAN FOR COLORADO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	6/5/2019	2800
DAN FOR COLORADO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	6/5/2019	2800
DEAN PHILLIPS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	OBAMA CAMPAIGN	PHILANTHROPIST	10/31/2017	1000
DEAN PHILLIPS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	OBAMA CAMPAIGN	PHILANTHROPIST	6/21/2018	1000
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/15/2017	500
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	1/18/2018	500
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	4/16/2018	1000
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	5/24/2018	700
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	9/17/2018	2700
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	7/13/2020	2800
DELGADO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLICIST	6/28/2021	2800
DEMOCRATIC GRASSROOTS VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	OWNER/ PUBLISHER	10/15/2019	16600
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	OBAMA FOR AMERICA	NATIONAL FINANCE CHAIR	3/8/2019	5000
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	OWNER/ PUBLISHER	10/15/2019	16600
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2020	30700
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3400
DONNELLY FOR INDIANA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	1/30/2018	500
DR. CAMERON WEBB FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	9/29/2020	1000



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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
DR. CAMERON WEBB FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	10/29/2020	1800
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	7/12/2017	1000
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	10/1/2018	500
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	2/21/2019	1000
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR MICHIGAN	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	7/21/2023	3300
ELIZABETH FOR MA, INC	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	8/5/2018	2700
ELIZABETH FOR MA, INC	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	8/5/2018	2700
ELIZABETH WARREN ACTION FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	8/1/2018	5400
FRIENDS OF MARIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	8/15/2018	1000
FRIENDS OF MARK WARNER	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	CONSULTANT	5/26/2020	2500
FRIENDS OF SHERROD BROWN	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	2/2/2018	500
GABE AMO FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	7/21/2023	500
HALEY STEVENS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2017	500
HALEY STEVENS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL COMMITTEE	CO-CHAIR	6/1/2018	500
HALEY STEVENS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	8/4/2023	500
HEIDI FOR SENATE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/18/2018	1000
HICKENLOOPER FOR COLORADO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	6/5/2020	2800
JIM GRAY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	12/15/2017	5400
JIM GRAY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	12/15/2017	2700
JIM GRAY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	12/15/2017	-2700
JIM GRAY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	6/22/2018	-2700
JOSH HICKS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	11/20/2019	2800
JOSH HICKS FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	6/10/2020	2800
KAINE FOR VIRGINIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	INTERNET PUBLISHER	2/12/2018	2700
KAINE FOR VIRGINIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	INTERNET PUBLISHER	9/19/2018	1000
KAINE FOR VIRGINIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	6/29/2023	3300
KAINE FOR VIRGINIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	6/29/2023	3300
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC	BARZUN, MATTHEW	BRICKPATH LLC	INTERNET PUBLISHING	9/27/2017	10000

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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE					
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	BRICKPATH LLC	INTERNET PUBLISHING	1/19/2018	10000
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PUBLISHER	11/4/2021	15000
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PUBLISHER	9/27/2022	15000
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	3/13/2023	15000
KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	3/13/2023	-5000
LIZ FOR INDIANA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	8/12/2018	2700
MANCHIN FOR WEST VIRGINIA	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/18/2018	1000
MARK KELLY FOR SENATE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	2/20/2019	2800
MARK KELLY FOR SENATE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	2/20/2019	2800
MATT HAGGMAN FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	1/19/2018	250
MCCASKILL FOR MISSOURI	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/18/2018	2700
MCGARVEY VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	MATTHEW BARZUN	AUTHOR	8/16/2023	6600
MICHAEL BLAKE FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	5/29/2019	2800
MOLLY FOR VERMONT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	1/29/2022	500
MONTANANS FOR BULLOCK	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	7/13/2020	1000
MONTANANS FOR TESTER	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	9/19/2018	1000
MORGAN MCGARVEY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PUBLISHER	11/10/2021	2900
MORGAN MCGARVEY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	6/24/2022	2900
MORGAN MCGARVEY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	8/16/2023	3300
MORGAN MCGARVEY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	8/16/2023	3300
MOSER FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHORPIST	3/20/2018	500



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Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
QUARTEY FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	6/18/2021	1000
RUFUS GIFFORD FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	11/14/2017	2700
RUFUS GIFFORD FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	11/14/2017	2700
SARA GIDEON FOR MAINE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	7/13/2020	1000
SPANBERGER FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	PUBLISHER	9/29/2020	1000
TIM RYAN FOR OHIO	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF EMPLOYED	AUTHOR	6/14/2022	2900
YARMUTH FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PHILANTHROPIST	10/17/2018	2700
YARMUTH FOR CONGRESS	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF	PUBLISHER, LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	3/13/2020	2800
					\$347,200.00

Barzun: Major Donor to Biden for President: \$55,700

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	4/25/2019	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2020	2800
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	SELF-EMPLOYED	PHILANTHROPIST	9/29/2020	33500
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	10000

\$20,000 in Campaign Contributions to Biden & DNC Just 2 Weeks After Appointment to NPR Board of Directors

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	10000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3300
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	BARZUN, MATTHEW	LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE	PUBLISHER	9/29/2023	3400



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Case #5: Shawn Turner - Member of NPR Board of Directors

“Shawn Turner serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”²⁰

Turner Previously Served as Biden Administration Appointee

In 2021, Shawn Turner was appointed to the Biden administration as Senior Advisor for Strategic Engagement to the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs.²¹

Turner Previously Held Numerous Positions in the Obama-Biden White House

Shawn Turner previously served as director of communication for U.S. national intelligence, at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, assistant press secretary for foreign affairs at the National Security Council, and deputy White House press secretary for national security during the Obama administration.²²

Democrat Contributions: Turner Has Contributed \$1795 to Democrat Campaigns Including Biden for President

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	10/15/2019	500
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	8/19/2020	500
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	6/30/2020	500
ACTBLUE	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	6/30/2020	20
ACTBLUE	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	8/19/2020	25
ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR CONGRESS	TURNER, SHAWN	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	7/18/2020	250

²⁰ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>

²¹ Michigan State University College of Communication Arts and Sciences. (2021, March 1). MSU Professor Shawn Turner accepts advisory role for presidential cabinet. <https://comartsci.msu.edu/about/newsroom/news/msu-professor-shawn-turner-accepts-advisory-role-presidential-cabinet>

²² German Marshall Fund of the United States. (2023, May 11). German Marshall Fund of the United States announces changes to board of trustees. <https://www.gmfus.org/news/german-marshall-fund-united-states-announces-changes-board-trustees>



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Source: Federal Election Commission, Individual Donor Database, Retrieved June 1, 2024

Case #6: R.C. McBride - Member of NPR Board of Directors

"R.C. McBride, the General Manager, WGLT and WCBU, serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight."²³

McBride Has Contributed to Joe Biden's Campaigns

CONTRIBUTOR	EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION	DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND (R.C.)	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	ADMINISTRATOR	10/26/2020	25	EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT (C00703975)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND (R.C.)	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	ADMINISTRATOR	10/31/2020	25	EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT (C00703975)

McBride Has Made 23 Contributions to the Biden Campaign or Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

All contributions are made to ActBlue with the same address in Normal, Illinois.

CONTRIBUTOR	EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION	DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	3/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	7/21/2016	8	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	7/21/2016	0.8	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	7/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	5/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	8/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	9/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	11/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	10/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	12/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)

²³ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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CONTRIBUTOR	EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION	DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	4/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	6/24/2016	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	6/29/2016	3	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00042366)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	8/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	7/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	3/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	5/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	4/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	6/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	1/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MARKETING	2/24/2017	5	EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND (R.C.)	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	ADMINISTRATOR	10/26/2020	25	EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT (C00703975)
MCBRIDE, RAYMOND (R.C.)	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	ADMINISTRATOR	10/31/2020	25	EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT (C00703975)

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Case #7: Catherine Levene- Member of NPR Board of Directors

“Catherine Levene, who previously worked as President of the National Media Group at Meredith Corporation, serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”²⁵

Levene Contributed to Joe Biden's Campaigns

Committee	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	10/2/2020	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	8/27/2020	1000
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	8/27/2020	1000

²⁴ Source: Federal Election Commission, Individual Donor Database, Retrieved June 1, 2024

²⁵ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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BIDEN VICTORY FUND	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	10/2/2020	1000
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	LEVENE, CATHERINE	DAILY CANDY	COO	5/22/2007	500
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	LEVENE, CATHERINE	DAILY CANDY INC	COO	10/6/2008	225

Levene Has Made 62 Contributions to Democrat Campaigns

Committee	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
EARMARKED FOR FOSTER CAMPBELL FOR THE US SENATE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	11/14/2016	50
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	4/20/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	3/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	5/18/2017	15
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/12/2017	2.5
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	1/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/31/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	5/25/2017	15
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/17/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	8/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	9/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/20/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	5/20/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	5/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	1/28/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	7/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/20/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	3/20/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	4/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/8/2017	15

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Committee	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	5/28/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/28/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	1/29/2017	35
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/15/2017	15
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/28/2017	15
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	11/28/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DOUG JONES FOR US SENATE (C00640623)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/5/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR BETO FOR TEXAS (C00501197)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	9/21/2018	50
EARMARKED FOR JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS (C00630426)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/1/2017	15
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	2/17/2017	2.5
EARMARKED FOR MIKIE SHERRILL FOR CONGRESS (C00640003)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	6/18/2018	100
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	3/28/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	4/28/2018	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	11/30/2018	25
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/5/2017	2.5
EARMARKED FOR DOUG JONES FOR US SENATE (C00640623)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/12/2017	25
EARMARKED FOR DCCC (C00000935)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/28/2017	25
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/11/2020	10
EARMARKED FOR PROGRESSIVE TURNOUT PROJECT (C00580068)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/11/2020	100
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/11/2020	10
EARMARKED FOR PROGRESSIVE TURNOUT PROJECT (C00580068)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/11/2020	100
CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/10/2020	10
EARMARKED FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE (C00010603)	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/28/2020	100
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	10/2/2020	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	8/27/2020	1000
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	8/27/2020	1000



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Committee	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	10/2/2020	1000
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	11/28/2017	25
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/29/2017	25
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	8/28/2017	25
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/28/2017	25
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	9/28/2017	25
DCCC	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	7/30/2017	25
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	10/11/2020	250
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	LEVENE, CATHERINE	CAT PERKINS	CO FOUNDER	12/31/2020	100
LASRY FOR WISCONSIN	LEVENE, CATHERINE	MEREDITH CORPORATION	PRESIDENT	7/25/2021	500
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	LEVENE, CATHERINE	DAILY CANDY	COO	5/22/2007	500
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	LEVENE, CATHERINE	DAILY CANDY INC	COO	10/6/2008	225
STACEY LAWSON FOR CONGRESS	LEVENE, CATHERINE A.	ARTSPACE MARKETPLACE, INC./CHIEF EX	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	9/27/2011	500
					7562.5

Case #8: Neal Zuckerman - Member of NPR Board of Directors

"Neal Zuckerman, a Senior Partner and Managing Director in the New York office of the Boston Consulting Group, serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight."²⁶

Zuckerman Has Contributed to Joe Biden's Campaigns

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	4/25/2019	50
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	4/25/2019	5

²⁶ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR WARREN FOR PRESIDENT, INC.	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	7/31/2019	100
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR CONOLE FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	12/14/2021	100
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR MALONEY VICTORY FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	10/25/2022	100
BIDEN ACTION FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/7/2024	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/7/2024	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/8/2024	500
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/8/2024	500

Democrat Contributions: Neal Zuckerman Has Made 36 Contributions to Democrat Campaigns, Including Obama-Biden, Totaling \$28,805

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR HELMER FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	CONSULTANT	10/23/2017	100
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	4/25/2019	50
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	4/25/2019	5
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR WARREN FOR PRESIDENT, INC.	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MGT CONSULTANT	7/31/2019	100
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR CONOLE FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	12/14/2021	100
ACTBLUE-EARMARKED FOR MALONEY VICTORY FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	10/25/2022	100
BIDEN ACTION FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/7/2024	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/7/2024	1000
BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/8/2024	500
BIDEN VICTORY FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	3/8/2024	500
FRIENDS OF MATT ALEXANDER	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	DECISIX	CONSULTANT	10/23/2011	250
FRIENDS OF MATT ALEXANDER	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	DECISIX	CONSULTANT	3/2/2012	250
GEORGE LATIMER FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	CONSULTANT	3/28/2024	500
GURFEIN FOR AMERICA	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	PARTNER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR	12/11/2015	500
HELMER FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	ADVISOR	1/17/2024	500
HILLARY CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	CONSULTANT-PRINCIPAL	9/29/2007	1000
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	11/3/2016	2700

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HILLARY FOR AMERICA	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	4/27/2016	2700
HILLARY VICTORY FUND	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	11/3/2016	2700
JOHN HALL FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGER	7/19/2007	500
JOHN HALL FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGER	9/5/2008	500
JOHN HALL FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	PRINCIPAL	6/3/2009	500
JOHN HALL FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BCG	PRINCIPAL	9/14/2010	150
MARK AMBROSE FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	4/28/2022	2900
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	9/5/2008	1150
RICH BECKER FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BCG/MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	12/2/2011	250
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	8/27/2012	500
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BCG	PARTNER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR	10/10/2014	500
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	PARTNER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR	3/26/2015	2700
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	PARTNER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR	1/19/2016	1000
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	CONSULTANT	9/29/2016	1000
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	CONSULTANT	9/29/2017	250
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	CONSULTANT	12/31/2021	1000
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	CONSULTANT	4/6/2021	250
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL J	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	8/17/2022	1000
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY FOR CONGRESS	ZUCKERMAN, NEAL	BCG	MEDIA ADVISOR	10/26/2022	100
					28805

Case #9: Howard Wollner- Member of NPR Board of Directors

"Howard Wollner serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets



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the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”²⁷

Democrat Contributions: Howard Wollner Has Made 18 Contributions to Democrat Campaigns, Including Obama-Biden, Totaling \$15,950

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
JOHN KERRY FOR PRESIDENT, INC	WOLLNER, HOWARD L	STARBUCKS COFFEE COMPANY	SENIOR VP	6/18/2004	1000
KERRY VICTORY 2004	WOLLNER, HOWARD L	STARBUCKS COFFEE COMPANY	SENIOR VP	6/18/2004	1000
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	8/25/2008	1000
STACEY LAWSON FOR CONGRESS	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NONE/RETIRED	RETIRED	3/8/2012	1000
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	8/6/2012	2500
OBAMA VICTORY FUND 2012	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	8/6/2012	2500
AMI BERA FOR CONGRESS	WOLLNER, HOWARD	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	8/4/2014	1000
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	WOLLNER, HOWARD	N/A	RETIRED	8/5/2016	500
AMI BERA FOR CONGRESS	WOLLNER, HOWARD	N/A	NOT EMPLOYED	10/24/2016	500
HILLARY VICTORY FUND	WOLLNER, HOWARD	N/A	RETIRED	8/5/2016	500
WARNOCK FOR GEORGIA	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	11/18/2020	500
GEORGIA SENATE VICTORY FUND	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	11/12/2020	1000
CAL FOR NC	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	7/20/2020	1000
CAL CUNNINGHAM VICTORY FUND	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	7/16/2020	1000
SARA GIDEON FOR MAINE	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	RETIRED	7/16/2020	250
ACTBLUE	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	8/2/2020	100
JON OSSOFF FOR SENATE	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	11/12/2020	500
ACTBLUE	WOLLNER, HOWARD	NOT EMPLOYED	NOT EMPLOYED	8/26/2022	100

Case #10: Milena Alberti-Perez- Member of NPR Board of Directors

“Milena Alberti-Perez serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets

²⁷ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”²⁸

Democrat Contributions: Alberti-Perez Has Contributed to Democrat Member of Congress

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
NADLER FOR CONGRESS	ALBERTI, MILENA	PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE	PUBLISHING	11/1/2016	300

Case #11: Leroy Kim - Member of NPR Board of Directors

“Leroy Kim, the Managing Director of Allen & Company LLC, serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”²⁹

Kim Has Made 3 Contributions to the Anti-Trump Candidate and Democrat Campaigns

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
LINDSEY BOYLAN FOR CONGRESS	KIM, LEROY	ALLEN & COMPANY	MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS	6/14/2019	2800
LINDSEY BOYLAN FOR CONGRESS	KIM, LEROY	ALLEN & COMPANY	MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS	6/14/2019	2800
HURD FOR AMERICA, INC.	KIM, LEROY	ALLEN & COMPANY	BANKER	7/3/2023	3300

Case #12: Judith Segura - Member of NPR Board of Directors

“Judith Segura, the lead thermal architect and expert in thermodynamics at Apple, Inc, serves as a member of the NPR Board of Directors, which is responsible for the governance of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board sets the policies and overall direction for NPR management, monitors the performance of NPR, and provides financial oversight.”³⁰

Segura Has Contributed to a Democrat Campaign

Committee	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount	Earmark
ACTBLUE	SEGURA, JUDITH	APPLE	ENGINEER	3/14/2019	20	EARMARKED FOR BETO FOR AMERICA (C00699090)

²⁸ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>

²⁹ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>

³⁰ NPR. (2021, November 18). NPR Board of Directors. <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/182676957/npr-board-of-directors>



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NPR Fails to Operate Like a Typical News Organization

NPR fails to meet the standard for a press exemption because it does not operate like a typical news organization.

NPR CEO Has No Journalism or News Experience

NPR has hired as its President and CEO, Katherine Maher, who has never worked in journalism. According to NPR: “Maher has never worked directly in journalism or at a news organization. That stands in contrast to many of her predecessors at NPR, including current CEO John Lansing, and her freshly appointed counterparts at CNN and the Washington Post.”³¹

Hiring of New NPR CEO Moving in Opposite Direction

In 2024, then-NPR journalist Uri Berliner criticized the hiring as moving NPR in the wrong direction away from ethical journalism.

“We’re looking for a leader right now who’s going to be unifying and bring more people into the tent and have a broader perspective on, sort of, what America is all about. And this seems to be the opposite of that.”³²

Maher’s Statements Conflict with Professional Journalist Code of Ethics

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics for professional journalists to follow. Journalists should “Seek Truth and Report It.”³³

³¹ Folkenflik, D. (2024, January 24). NPR names tech executive Katherine Maher to lead in turbulent era. NPR. Retrieved from <https://www.npr.org/2024/01/24/1226035539/npr-ceo-katherine-maher-wikimedia>

³² Strack, H. (2024, April 17). Veteran editor resigns from NPR, says new CEO’s ‘divisive’ left-wing views confirm bombshell exposé. National Review. Retrieved from <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/veteran-editor-resigns-from-npr-says-new-ceos-divisive-left-wing-views-confirm-accuracy-of-bombshell-expose/>

³³ Society of Professional Journalists. (2014, September 6). SPJ Code of Ethics. Retrieved from <https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>



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In 2022, Maher made statements in direct opposition to this journalistic code of conduct. She said, "Our reverence for the truth might be a distraction that is getting in the way of finding common ground and getting things done."³⁴

NPR's New Editing Process, Funded by Anonymous Donor

According to published reports by the New York Times, following Maher's hiring, NPR implemented a new editing review process for stories that is being funded by an anonymous donor.

One of NPR's most prominent hosts asked the company's top editor on Thursday to disclose the identity of an anonymous funder who is helping pay for a new layer of editing several weeks after the radio network faced a prominent accusation of having a liberal bias in its coverage.

Michel Martin, a host of NPR's "Morning Edition," pressed Edith Chapin, NPR's chief content officer, to identify the source of the funding in an editorial meeting at the network's Washington headquarters, according to four people with knowledge of the exchange.

Ms. Chapin declined to elaborate on the source of the money but said that it wouldn't be a surprise to NPR's editorial staff. Ms. Martin replied she would not accept that answer from a source, the people said.³⁵

NPR Does Not Abide By Professional Journalist Code Of Ethics: "Support The Open And Civil Exchange Of Views"

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics for professional journalists to follow. Journalists should "Support the open and civil exchange of views, even views they find repugnant."³⁶

³⁴ Hains, T. (2024, April 17). NPR CEO Katherine Maher: A Reverence For The Truth Might Be Getting In The Way Of Getting Things Done. RealClearPolitics. Retrieved from https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2024/04/17/npr_ceo_katherine_maher_a_reverence_for_the_truth_might_be_getting_in_the_way_of_getting_things_done.html

³⁵ Mullin, Benjamin. "New Editing Layer Adds Angst Inside NPR." The New York Times, May 16, 2024. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/16/business/npr-editing-backstop.html>

³⁶ Society of Professional Journalists. (2014, September 6). SPJ Code of Ethics. Retrieved from <https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>



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Then-NPR journalist Berliner describes how NPR's activities violate this code of conduct:

*"An open-minded spirit no longer exists within NPR, and now, predictably, we don't have an audience that reflects America."*³⁷

NPR Does Not Abide By Professional Journalist Code Of Ethics: "Expose Unethical Conduct In Journalism, Including Within Their Organizations"

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics for professional journalists to follow. Journalists should "Expose unethical conduct in journalism, including within their organizations."³⁸

Following then-NPR journalist Berliner's criticism of the organization, NPR responded by punishing him for his criticism. "NPR has formally punished Uri Berliner, the senior editor who publicly argued a week ago that the network had "lost America's trust" by approaching news stories with a rigidly progressive mindset. Berliner's five-day suspension without pay, which began last Friday, has not been previously reported."³⁹

Eventually, Berliner resigned after being repeatedly attacked by NPR employees. "Veteran editor Uri Berliner has resigned from NPR, days after the outlet suspended him without pay for writing an essay exposing pervasive left-wing groupthink at the public radio network where he worked for more than two decades."⁴⁰

³⁷ Berliner, U. (2024, April 9). I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust. The Free Press. Retrieved from <https://www.thefp.com/p/npr-editor-how-npr-lost-americas-trust>

³⁸ Society of Professional Journalists. (2014, September 6). SPJ Code of Ethics. Retrieved from <https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>

³⁹ Folkenflik, D. (2024, April 16). NPR suspends veteran editor as it grapples with his public criticism. NPR. Retrieved from <https://www.npr.org/2024/04/16/1244962042/npr-editor-uri-berliner-suspended-essay>

⁴⁰ Strack, H. (2024, April 17). Veteran editor resigns from NPR, says new CEO's 'divisive' left-wing views confirm bombshell exposé. National Review. Retrieved from <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/veteran-editor-resigns-from-npr-says-new-ceos-divisive-left-wing-views-confirm-accuracy-of-bombshell-expose/>



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Non-Exempt Activity: NPR's "Efforts to Damage or Topple Trump's Presidency"

Exemption Does Not Protect Campaign Activity by a Press Entity

FEC Advisory Opinion 2023-10 clearly states: "While the press exemption covers press or media activity, it does not cover campaign activity, even if the campaign activity is conducted by a press entity."⁴¹

NPR's activity surrounding its treatment of political candidate Donald J. Trump constitutes campaign activity and, as such, requires proper campaign finance disclosure, campaign finance reporting, compliance with contribution limits.

NPR Journalist: NPR's Activities "Veered Toward Efforts to Damage or Topple Trump's Presidency"

In April 2024, then-NPR employee Uri Berliner, a Peabody Award-winning journalist who worked at NPR for 25 years, published an essay describing extreme bias at NPR, its failure to abide by journalistic ethical standards, and a political operation to stop Donald Trump's presidential campaign.⁴²

Berliner explains:

*"Like many unfortunate things, the rise of advocacy took off with Donald Trump. As in many newsrooms, his election in 2016 was greeted at NPR with a mixture of disbelief, anger, and despair. (Just to note, I eagerly voted against Trump twice but felt we were obliged to cover him fairly.) But what began as tough, straightforward coverage of a belligerent, truth-impaired president veered toward efforts to damage or topple Trump's presidency."*⁴³

⁴¹ Federal Election Commission. (2023). Advisory opinion 2023-10 [PDF]. <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>

⁴² Mullin, B., & Robertson, K. (2024, April 11). NPR faces criticism over perceived liberal bias. The New York Times. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/11/business/media/npr-criticism-liberal-bias.html>

⁴³ Berliner, U. (2024, April 9). I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust. The Free Press. Retrieved from <https://www.thefp.com/p/npr-editor-how-npr-lost-americas-trust>



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This internal account of NPR operations, especially its “efforts to damage or topple Trump’s presidency,” would constitute reportable campaign activities as they are not typical journalistic activities nor do they qualify as a “legitimate press function.”

NPR Journalist: NPR’s Actions Were Controlled by Political Figure Adam Schiff

Then-NPR journalist Berliner describes how NPR’s activities were controlled by a political candidate and were effectively reprinting unsubstantiated propaganda – either action would disqualify those specific activities from protection under the press exemption.

NPR effectively published propaganda materials. According to the personal account of then-NPR journalist Berliner, NPR “hitched our wagon to Trump’s most visible antagonist, Representative Adam Schiff... By my count, NPR hosts interviewed Schiff 25 times about Trump and Russia. During many of those conversations, Schiff alluded to purported evidence of collusion.”

In effect, a political candidate, Adam Schiff, controlled NPR’s coverage of Trump. Democrat Congressman and now-US Senate political candidate Adam Schiff “became NPR’s guiding hand” and “its ever-present muse.” Berliner explains in full:

“Persistent rumors that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia over the election became the catnip that drove reporting. At NPR, we hitched our wagon to Trump’s most visible antagonist, Representative Adam Schiff. Schiff, who was the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, became NPR’s guiding hand, its ever-present muse. By my count, NPR hosts interviewed Schiff 25 times about Trump and Russia. During many of those conversations, Schiff alluded to purported evidence of collusion. The Schiff talking points became the drumbeat of NPR news reports.”⁴⁴

NPR Failed to Follow Journalistic Code of Ethics

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics for professional journalists to follow. Journalists should “deny favored treatment to advertisers,

⁴⁴ Berliner, U. (2024, April 9). I’ve Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here’s How We Lost America’s Trust. The Free Press. Retrieved from <https://www.thefp.com/p/npr-editor-how-npr-lost-americas-trust>



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donors or any other special interests, and resist internal and external pressure to influence coverage.”⁴⁵

In allowing Democrat Adam Schiff to control its coverage of President Donald J. Trump, NPR failed to follow journalist code of ethics and in this specific coverage does not qualify for a press exemption.

Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: Disseminating Biden Campaign Propaganda

Even if NPR News is determined by the FEC to be a press entity AND to qualify for the press exemption, a media organization must comply with campaign finance laws when engaging in activities outside of a legitimate press function.

FEC Advisory Opinion 2023-10 clearly states: “While the press exemption covers press or media activity, it does not cover campaign activity, even if the campaign activity is conducted by a press entity.”⁴⁶

NPR’s activity in and around October 2020 to actively suppress public speech regarding Hunter Biden’s laptop is not a legitimate press function. Moreover, NPR’s activities qualify as campaign activity and as such required proper disclosure, reporting, and compliance with contribution limits.

NPR’s Activities: NOT “Distinguishable from Campaign Functions”

The FEC has historically considered whether a press entity’s actions are “distinguishable from active participation in core campaign or electioneering functions.”⁴⁷

NPR Reprinted Biden Campaign Propaganda

Joe Biden’s Lie: 50 Former National Intelligence Experts Claim Russian Plan

On October 22, 2020, Joe Biden, the Democrat presidential nominee, responded to questions about his son Hunter’s laptop by stating:

⁴⁵ Society of Professional Journalists. (2014, September 6). SPJ Code of Ethics. Retrieved from <https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>

⁴⁶ Federal Election Commission. (2023). Advisory opinion 2023-10 [PDF]. <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>

⁴⁷ Advisory Opinion 2008-14 (Melothe) at 5. Federal Election Commission. (2023). FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (Advisory Opinion 2023-10). <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>



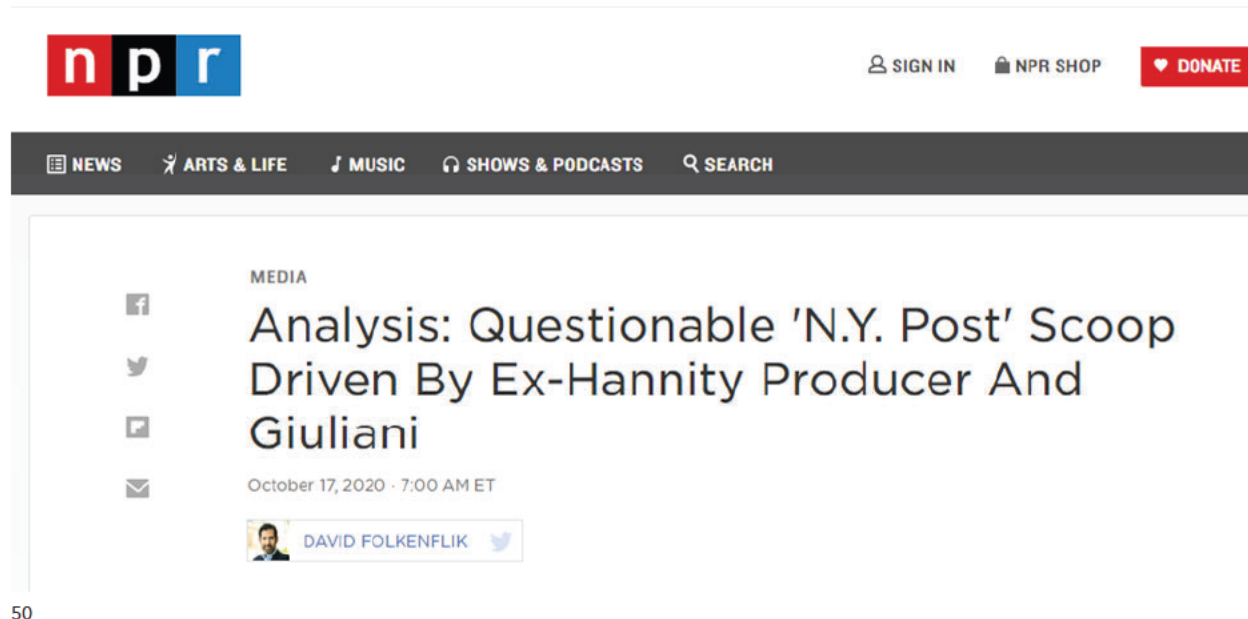
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BIDEN: Look, there are 50 former national intelligence folks who said that what this, he's accusing me of is a Russian plan. They have said that this has all the characteristics – four- five former heads of the CIA, both parties, say what he's saying is a bunch of garbage. Nobody believes it except him and his good friend Rudy Giuliani. ⁴⁸

Biden Campaign Lie: Russian Disinformation Operation

Michael Carpenter, a senior Biden adviser, described the story: "This is a Russian disinformation operation. I'm very comfortable saying that." ⁴⁹

NPR News: 50 Former National Intelligence Experts Claim Laptop Part of Russian Disinformation the Claims



On October 17, 2020, NPR published a story on its website without any "paid for by" disclaimer. The author of the story, David Folkenflik, essentially reprinted Biden campaign propaganda. In light of Berliner's statements about NPR's motives, this

⁴⁸ Commission on Presidential Debates. (2020, October 22). Presidential debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee [Transcript]. <https://www.debates.org/voter-education/debate-transcripts/october-22-2020-debate-transcript/>

⁴⁹ Cheney, K., & Bertrand, N. (2020, October 14). Biden campaign lashes out at New York Post. Politico. Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/14/biden-campaign-lashes-out-new-york-post-429486>

⁵⁰ Folkenflik, D. (2020, October 17). Analysis: Questionable N.Y. Post scoop driven by ex-Hannity producer, Giuliani. NPR. <https://www.npr.org/2020/10/17/924506867/analysis-questionable-n-y-post-scoop-driven-by-ex-hannity-producer-giuliani>



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story should be viewed as campaign activity intended to influence the 2020 presidential election.

U.S. officials say Russian disinformation campaigns have sought to keep Hunter Biden's business dealings in Ukraine in the public eye. According to The Washington Post, intelligence officials warned the White House last year that Russian operatives had sought to give misinformation to Giuliani to be used against the Bidens. And NBC is now reporting that the FBI is investigating whether the material in the New York Post story originated in a foreign power's disinformation campaign.

Giuliani has repeatedly amplified discredited claims, to the point that Fox News' internal research team warned the network's journalists against relying upon him. Among the sources Giuliani turned to was a man whom the Trump administration's Treasury Department has designated as a Russian agent. Last month, Treasury officials said Andrii Derkach has pushed disinformation in Ukraine to spur unfounded corruption investigations and media coverage in hopes of damaging Biden and influencing the 2020 race. Giuliani did not respond to a message seeking comment for this story.

This story would fit neatly within that rubric. We don't know whether those emails were somehow hacked and doctored, or completely fabricated. (Even Murdoch's Wall Street Journal acknowledged the point, writing "assuming the emails turned up by the New York Post are real..." as it editorialized against Twitter and Facebook.)⁵¹

NPR's Activities Were Traced Back to Biden Campaign Official Antony Blinken

The infamous and now-debunked letter by more than 50 intelligence experts was done at the impetus of the Biden campaign. According to Newsweek:

"... former acting CIA director Mike Morell helped organize a letter by 50 intelligence community figures, ahead of the 2020 presidential election, suggesting leaked emails from Hunter's laptop were Russian disinformation.

Morrell made the confession in private sworn testimony to the House Judiciary Committee, saying he acted after speaking to Antony Blinken, then part of the

⁵¹ Folkenflik, D. (2020, October 17). Analysis: Questionable N.Y. Post scoop driven by ex-Hannity producer, Giuliani. NPR. <https://www.npr.org/2020/10/17/924506867/analysis-questionable-n-y-post-scoop-driven-by-ex-hannity-producer-giuliani>



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*Biden campaign and now secretary of state, because he wanted Joe Biden to "win the election."*⁵²

Further reporting by the Wall Street Journal affirms:

*"Since the last election, we've learned from testimony by former CIA Deputy Director Mike Morell that the intelligence officials' statement was done at Antony Blinken's impetus to "help Vice President Biden." Mr. Blinken was then senior adviser to the Biden campaign. He is now secretary of state."*⁵³

NPR did not include in its publication any reference to Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, who confirmed based on intelligence reports that Hunter Biden's laptop "is not part of some Russian disinformation campaign." ⁵⁴

NPR Activities Not Exempt Per Landmark Readers Digest Precedent

Reader's Digest Ass'n v. FEC provides an example of activities by bona fide press entities that do not qualify for the press exemption. ⁵⁵ The Southern District of New York explains:

*If, for example, on Election Day a partisan newspaper hired an army of incognito propaganda distributors to stand on street corners denouncing allegedly illegal acts of a candidate and sent sound trucks through the streets blaring the same denunciations, all in a manner unrelated to the sale of its newspapers, this activity would not come within the press exemption even though it might comply with a technical reading of the statutory exemption, being a "news story ... distributed through the facilities of ... [a] newspaper."*⁵⁶

NPR's activities meet this non-exempt test:

⁵² Bickerton, J. (2023, April 21). Biden team sparked effort to kill Hunter laptop story: Ex-CIA boss. Newsweek. <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-team-sparked-effort-kill-hunter-laptop-story-ex-cia-boss-1795950>

⁵³ McGurn, W. (2024, June 3). Hunter Biden's laptop returns. The Wall Street Journal.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/hunter-bidens-laptop-returns-election-courts-law-c957ac51>

⁵⁴ Flood, B. (2020, October 22). "NPR slammed for dismissing coverage of Hunter Biden laptop scandal as a 'waste of time'." Fox News. <https://www.foxnews.com/media/npr-slammed-dismissing-hunter-biden-laptop-scandal>

⁵⁵ Kyu Ho Youm. (2016). Defining the press exemption from campaign finance restrictions. Harvard Law Review, 129(5), 1384-1412. <https://harvardlawreview.org/print/vol-129/defining-the-press-exemption-from-campaign-finance-restrictions/>

⁵⁶ *Reader's Digest Ass'n v. FEC*, 509 F. Supp. 1210 (S.D.N.Y. 1981).



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- 1) **Election Day:** NPR's activities occurred during the election. "During this election-cycle mail voting was by far the most prevalent form for voting, accounting for 46% of all votes cast." ⁵⁷ At the time of publication, October 17, 2020, mail-in voting was actively in progress.
- 2) **Partisan Newspaper:** NPR is a partisan newspaper. NPR's Board of Directors are major campaign contributors to the Biden campaign and Democratic committees. NPR editor Berliner's statements confirm that its agents were working "to damage or topple Trump's presidency."
- 3) **Incognito Propaganda Distributors:** NPR did not disclose at the time that its coverage was driven by then-Biden campaign operative Antony Blinken. NPR reprinted Biden campaign propaganda or false statements intended to persuade voters.
- 4) **Through the streets blaring the same denunciations:** NPR published its article on the internet, which is the modern-day equivalent of streets and street corners.

⁵⁷ Atkeson, L. R., Hood III, M. V., Jones, C., Reece, M., & Stein, R. M. (2022). Postal voting in the 2020 election. *Journal of Election Administration Research & Practice*, 1(1), 19-38.
<https://electioncenter.org/files-journal/documents/JEARP-volume01-issue-01-postal-voting-in-the-2020-election.pdf>



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Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: NPR Managing Editor Statement on Hunter Biden Laptop

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October 2020: Campaign Advocacy by NPR’s Managing Editor Terence Samuel

On or about October 22, 2020, NPR’s then-Managing Editor, Terence Samuel, issued a statement to influence public opinion and the outcome of the election. The statement read: ““We don’t want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories, and we don’t want to waste the listeners’ and readers’ time on stories that are just pure distractions.”



⁵⁸ Federal Election Commission. (2023). Advisory opinion 2023-10. <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>



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This social media post failed to include any “paid for by” disclaimer, nor is there any evidence to suggest that it was reported as an in-kind contribution to any political committee registered with the FEC.

The Tweet has extensive reach: more than 27,000 replies, 17,000 retweets and 18,000 hearts/likes. Such statistics would be equivalent to several thousand dollars in free advertising.

By issuing a statement on the Hunter Biden laptop issue and publishing on social media, NPR spent money that influenced a federal election.

NPR’s Actions Were Not “Distinguishable From Active Participation In Core Campaign Or Electioneering Functions”

The Federal Election Commission has historically considered whether a press entity’s press function is “distinguishable from active participation in core campaign or electioneering functions.”⁵⁹

Issuing statements is a common campaign activity. Moreover, NPR’s managing editor was directly refuting actions by the Trump campaign. In October 2020, the Trump campaign issued more than a half-dozen press releases on Hunter Biden.^{60 61 62 63 6465}

⁵⁹ Advisory Opinion 2008-14 (Melothe) at 5. Federal Election Commission. (2023). FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (Advisory Opinion 2023-10). <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>

⁶⁰ Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - With Proof Joe Biden Lied to the American People, Trump Campaign Launches Hunter Biden Ad Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345686>

⁶¹ Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - Biden Calls “Lid” for the Day After Bombshell Report Reveals Lies About Hunter’s Foreign Business Deals Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345697>

⁶² Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - Questions of the Day for Joe Biden, Hunter Biden Edition, Part 2 Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345675>

⁶³ Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - Joe Biden Met With At Least Two of His Son Hunter’s Foreign Business Partners Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345719>

⁶⁴ Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - The Right View: President Trump Garner Even More Support Back on Campaign Trail, Joe Biden Goes Back Into Hiding After Hunter Biden Scandal Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345558>

⁶⁵ Donald J. Trump, Trump Campaign Press Release - As Scandal Grows, Trump Campaign Ad Asks: Why Did Joe Biden Let Hunter Do It? Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/345514>



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NPR Admission: Activity Intended to Influence the Election

NPR journalist Uri Berliner has stated that the outcome of the election influenced NPR's activity on the issue of Hunter Biden's laptop. Such admission would provide probable cause for the Commission to further investigate the extent to which NPR expended funds to influence the election.

*"The laptop was newsworthy. But the timeless journalistic instinct of following a hot story lead was being squelched. During a meeting with colleagues, I listened as one of NPR's best and most fair-minded journalists said it was good we weren't following the laptop story because it could help Trump."*⁶⁶

Journalists Universally Agree that Hunter Biden's Laptop Deserved Coverage

As one USA Today columnist put it, "NPR has succumbed to the lure of third-wave social justice orthodoxy over the traditional groundings of journalism."⁶⁷

National Review points out that Samuel's actions did not follow journalistic protocols.

For his part, Samuel fails to explain what journalistic standards he employs to ascertain what does and doesn't constitute a "waste of time." How is that "not really a story"? There is more and more reason to credit the veracity of those emails, or at a minimum, suggest that they warrant more thorough investigation.

We have what appears to be a signed receipt from the computer-repair shop in Delaware, demonstrating that Hunter's laptop and hard drive were obtained legally. We know that the laptop in question is being held in connection to an FBI money-laundering investigation. The director of national intelligence, John Ratcliffe, says that the emails in question aren't part of a Russian disinformation campaign and the FBI hasn't contradicted him.

⁶⁶ Berliner, U. (2024, April 9). I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust. The Free Press. Retrieved from <https://www.thefp.com/p/npr-editor-how-npr-lost-americas-trust>

⁶⁷ Wood, J. Jr. (2024, May 8). Conservatives trashed NPR's new CEO for being 'woke.' But the truth is far more complex. USA Today. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/columnist/2024/05/08/npr-ceo-katherine-maher-congress-media-bias-uri-berliner/73597888007/>



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Yet, the managing editor of one of the nation's largest publicly funded media organizations believes emails possibly implicating a presidential front-runner in having benefited from deals involving his shady son who was leveraging the family name and proximity to power for millions are nothing but a distraction.

Nobody would apply that standard to stories about influence-peddling, foreign contacts, or foreign financial interests on the part of Donald Trump's family – nor should they. To the contrary, not only has the press properly treated Trump family business interests as newsworthy, they have frequently disregarded even the most minimal journalistic standards to issue breathless reports about them.⁶⁸

NPR's Actions Represented Omission-Bias

The Hill's media columnist Joe Concha describes NPR's actions as omission-bias:

"To be clear, omission-bias is when an outlet or publication purposely suppresses or outright ignores a newsworthy story that is carried by others. In this case, the "others" initially was an exclusive in the New York Post, which was dismissed immediately by other media outlets and by Democrats as Russian disinformation or a smear campaign by the Trump administration.

Taxpayer-funded NPR summed up the pious perspective at the time with an explanation that still lives in infamy on Twitter. "We don't want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories. And we don't want to waste the listeners' and readers' time on stories that are just pure distractions," wrote NPR's managing editor for news on Oct. 22.⁶⁹

NPR's Actions: Irresponsible and Unethical

Independent journalist Glenn Greenwald criticized NPR's actions as irresponsible and unethical:

That it is irresponsible and even unethical to mention these documents became a pervasive view in mainstream journalism. The NPR Public Editor, in an amazing statement representative of much of the prevailing media mentality, explicitly

⁶⁸ National Review. (2020, October 22). The Media's Shameful Hunter Biden Abdication. The Editors

⁶⁹ Concha, J. (2020, Dec. 11). "Media's pre-election burial of Hunter Biden story proves dereliction of duty." The Hill. <https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/529736-medias-pre-election-burial-of-hunter-biden-story-proves-dereliction-of/>



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justified NPR's refusal to cover the story on the ground that "we do not want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories . . . [or] waste the readers' and listeners' time on stories that are just pure distractions."

Worse is the "disinformation" part of the media's equation. How can these materials constitute "disinformation" if they are authentic emails and texts actually sent to and from Hunter Biden? The ease with which news outlets that are supposed to be skeptical of evidence-free pronouncements by the intelligence community instead printed their assertions about "Russian disinformation" is alarming in the extreme. But they did it because they instinctively wanted to find a reason to justify ignoring the contents of these emails, so claiming that Russia was behind it, and that the materials were "disinformation," became their placeholder until they could figure out what else they should say to justify ignoring these documents.⁷⁰

NPR Has Covered President Trump's Minor Children

On May 15, 2017, NPR News published a new story on President Trump's youngest 11-year old son and his decision to attend the private St. Andrew's Episcopal School.⁷¹

⁷⁰ Greenwald, G. (2024, May 2). Article on Joe and Hunter Biden censored by The Intercept. Substack. <https://greenwald.substack.com/p/article-on-joe-and-hunter-biden-censored>

⁷¹ Wamsley, L. (2017, May 15). NPR News Like Most White House Kids, Barron Trump Will Go To Private School. NPR. <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/05/15/528502877/like-most-white-house-kids-barron-trump-will-go-to-private-school>



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Non-Exempt Campaign Activity: Public Editor Tweets & Emails

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On or about October 22, 2020, NPR’s Public Editor published multiple electronic communications, including internet postings, social media postings, and electronic newsletter communications, that constituted political campaign advocacy, were not protected by the press exemption, and represented reportable campaign expenditures.

NPR Public Editor Funded by NPR & Selected by NPR CEO - Providing Conduit for Biased Board to Influence Coverage

According to its website, “...the Public Editor position is funded by NPR, and is selected by NPR’s CEO...” ⁷³ Therefore, the NPR CEO and Board of Directors have a direct conduit to influence coverage of reporting by the NPR Public Editor. For example, the NPR CEO could choose to replace the Public Editor, or the Board could defund the position – if it did not approve of the Public Editor’s views.

This unique position therefore cannot be described as a normal press function and/or is deserving of greater scrutiny than other NPR journalists who operate under a traditional press hierarchy that walls off potential influence of its reporting.

NPR Public Editor Outsourced to Third Party

Traditionally, a public editor role is assigned to a staff member of the press organization. This included NPR: “NPR’s Public Editor has traditionally been an NPR staff member.” ⁷⁴ However, NPR Public Editor was outsourced to a third-party organization, The Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

⁷² Federal Election Commission. (2023). Advisory opinion 2023-10 [PDF].

<https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2023-10/2023-10.pdf>

⁷³ NPR. (2016, December 14). About the public editor. NPR.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/publiceditor/2016/12/14/505405614/about-the-public-editor>

⁷⁴ National Public Radio. (2016, December 14). About The Public Editor.

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"McBride was appointed as NPR's Public Editor in April 2020 as the result of a new partnership between NPR and Poynter. McBride's role as NPR's Public Editor is supported by researchers and editors from both organizations, significantly expanding the public editor's ability to respond to audience concerns and suggestions." ⁷⁵

NPR Public Editor Attacked Trump Campaign in Email without Proper "Paid for by" Disclaimer

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⁷⁵ NPR. (2016, December 14). About the public editor. NPR.
<https://www.npr.org/sections/publiceditor/2016/12/14/505405614/about-the-public-editor>



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npr Public Editor

by Poynter's Kelly McBride

Responding to the *New York Post*

Carolyn Abbott writes: *Someone please explain why NPR has apparently not reported on the Joe Biden, Hunter Biden story in the last week or so that Joe did know about Hunter's business connections in Europe that Joe had previously denied having knowledge?*

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NPR Public Editor Tweets

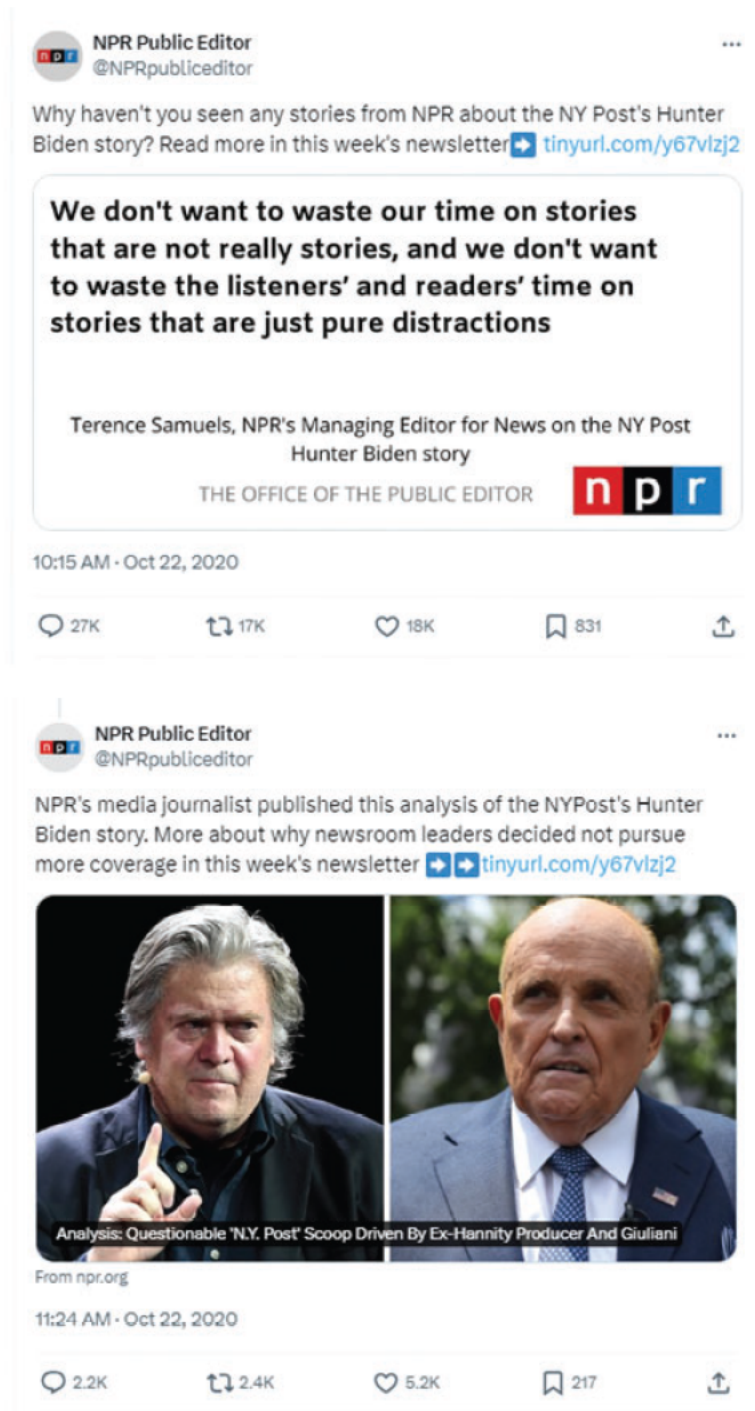
On or about October 22, 2020, NPR's Public Editor published three Tweets that constituted political campaign advocacy, were not protected by the press exemption, and represented reportable campaign expenditures.

These social media posts failed to include any "paid for by" disclaimer, nor is there any evidence to suggest that it was reported as an in-kind contribution to any political committee registered with the FEC.

⁷⁶ McBride, Kelly. NPR Public Editor Email. October 20, 2020



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⁷⁷ NPR Public Editor. (2020, October 22). We don't want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories, and we don't want to waste the listeners' and readers' time on stories that are just pure distractions. [Tweet]. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/NPRpubliceditor/status/1319281101223940096>



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