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To prohibit Federal funding for the Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio and to provide for the transfer of certain Federal funds that would have been made available to those organizations to reduce the public debt, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defund Government-
5 Sponsored Propaganda Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC**
2 **BROADCASTING SERVICE AND NATIONAL**
3 **PUBLIC RADIO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of
5 this Act, no Federal funds may, directly or indirectly, be
6 made available to or used to support an organization de-
7 scribed in subsection (b), including through the payment
8 of dues to or the purchase of programming from the orga-
9 nization by a public broadcast station using Federal funds
10 received by the station.

11 (b) ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED.—The organizations
12 described in this subsection are—

13 (1) the organization known, as of the date of
14 enactment of this Act, as the “Public Broadcasting
15 Service”;

16 (2) the organization known, as of the date of
17 enactment of this Act, as “National Public Radio”;
18 and

19 (3) any successor organization to an organiza-
20 tion described in paragraph (1) or (2).

21 (c) TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO REDUCE THE
22 PUBLIC DEBT.—For fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027,
23 the Corporation for Public Broadcasting shall transfer to
24 the account established by section 3113(d) of title 31,
25 United States Code, an amount equal to the sum of the
26 amounts allocated under clauses (ii) and (iii) of section

1 396(k)(3)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
2 U.S.C. 396(k)(3)(A)) that would have been made available
3 to an organization described in subsection (b) but for the
4 prohibition in subsection (a).

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