



Raven for Mayor 2027

**An Independent Citizens' Campaign for Mayor of the City of Elmira —
Where Frustration Becomes Action, Action Becomes Renewal,
and Renewal Becomes Hope.**

The Honorable Nick Langworthy
United States House of Representatives
New York's 23rd Congressional District

Dear Congressman Langworthy,

I write as a resident of Chemung County, an Elmira taxpayer, and a candidate for Mayor of Elmira to request your review and, if appropriate, congressional oversight concerning the conduct of WSKG Public Telecommunications Council, Inc., a publicly funded media organization that receives taxpayer-supported funding through the public broadcasting system.

Attached you will find a formal demand letter I recently served upon WSKG and reporter Natalie Abruzzo, together with supporting materials and the official transcript from a June 2, 2026 hearing before New York State Supreme Court Justice Christopher P. Baker in Chemung County.

My concern extends beyond a private dispute with a reporter. Rather, it concerns whether a taxpayer-supported media organization is faithfully discharging its obligations of fairness, accuracy, objectivity, and public trust while operating with the benefit of public funding.

[In its June 4, 2026 article](#) concerning my lawsuit against the City of Elmira, WSKG attributed to me a statement that I did not make and which does not appear in the official court transcript. The article further omitted central portions of my legal argument while devoting substantially greater space to supporters of the event at issue, including commentary describing my lawsuit as an "act of hate." The result was an article that, in my view, materially misrepresented both my position and the nature of the legal claims presented to the Court.

The attached transcript allows a direct comparison between what was argued in court and what was reported to the public.

My concern is heightened by evidence that WSKG maintained a visible presence at the very event that was the subject of its reporting, raising legitimate questions regarding objectivity, editorial independence, and the distinction between journalism and advocacy.

I respectfully request that your office review the attached materials and consider whether congressional oversight is warranted concerning:

1. The federal funding received by WSKG and related public broadcasting entities;
2. The statutory and regulatory conditions attached to such funding;
3. Existing oversight mechanisms governing journalistic objectivity and public accountability;
4. Whether taxpayer-supported media organizations are engaging in advocacy inconsistent with their public obligations;
5. Whether additional transparency and accountability measures should be considered by Congress.

This request is not an attempt to influence editorial viewpoints. Rather, it is a request for accountability where a publicly funded institution is alleged to have materially misrepresented a citizen while simultaneously benefiting from taxpayer support.

A free press is indispensable to a free society. Equally indispensable is public confidence that taxpayer-funded media organizations are reporting accurately, fairly, and without ideological favoritism.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request that this correspondence and its attachments be reviewed by the appropriate staff and committees with oversight responsibility in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Julian Marcus Raven". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "J" and "R".

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