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On behalf of the National Association of the Letter Carriers, the union that represents 280,000 active and retired letter carriers employed by the United States Postal Service, I write to express my alarm and concern that the government of the Argentine Republic has intervened in the management of the public media companies (Canal 7 and the educational channels Encuentro, Paka Paka and Depor TV), with the aim of privatizing, emptying or destroying them.

Delegating public communication to the market will result in emptying spaces that guarantee the diversity of cultural expression and the right to reliable information. Public media are fundamental to guaranteeing information pluralism, cultural diversity and democracy. They are an indispensable tool in democratic societies and no developed country in the world lacks a public media system.

Every election season, NALC members deliver tens of millions of ballots, helping to fuel America's democratic process. Our work, just like the work of public media, is critical for a successful and healthy democracy.

The international community is closely monitoring this assault on public communication and the pivotal role that the Congress of the Republic of Argentina plays. We stand in solidarity with AATRAC, SATSAID, SALCO & SUTEP and the workers of the Public Media of Argentina, and urge you to do everything in your power to prevent the government from moving forward with these detrimental policies.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Renfroe
President

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