



**ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 36

**Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly

Senate

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AN ACT TO: Increase funding for Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

PURPOSE:

To give a non-biased outlook on today's news, and to inform the people of New York State.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1: CPB (Corporation for Public Broadcasting) is public broadcasting that is nonprofit, and also privately and publicly funded.

Section 2: CPB gets 0% of federal budget. We are asking for 0.02%, or 741 million dollars. This bill would increase the knowledge on the American people if they were to get more funding from the federal government. For instance, CPB can use this funding to employ more people, and advertise itself more.

JUSTIFICATION:

This bill will provide more knowledge to people when they are doing their daily activities. According to forbes.com, more than 60% of americans listen to the radio daily, and 80% of people have listened to the radio in the past week. Also, more than 95% of people have a radio at home, according to nieman.org. When people click through the channels on the radio, important events can be happening at the same time, and it can be heard on the radio in a matter of minutes if CPB were to get more funding from the government. Just think, if there were a shooting, CPB would be able to have this on the radio as soon as possible, because of advertisements, and the amount of money the government spent on this. Instead of confusing stories from all channels on the news, it would be a clear, informative broadcast for the American people.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The budget for CPB in 2016 was \$445 million, according to CPB.org. In the last 48 years, the CPB has gotten less than what they have asked for 11 times. While this is doesn't sound like that many times, that is 22.9% of their requests. The highest their request had been limited was by 44%. In the last 5 years, 3 out of their 5 requests, or 60% of, have gotten less than their request. Increasing their funding will pay off in the long run. For example, with more listeners because of stronger advertising, the citizens of the United States will be more aware of the world and country news Events. Secondly, with more funding from the government, there would be more money to put back into the employers, or higher more. This will benefit the economy way more than it could harm it. Lastly, in a time of crisis, CPB will be there. Instead of having to search dozens of channels hearing different information, people will be able to listen to one unbiased, informative channel.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

October 24th, 2018