

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

4 August 2021

Ms. Kelu Chao  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Agency for Global Media  
330 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20237

Dear Ms. Chao,

Over the last decade, the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM) and its predecessor, the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), has compromised the trust of the American People through rampant mismanagement and corruption. The betrayal of the public trust continued until former CEO Michael Pack and his colleagues worked to finally address these problems on behalf of the American People. In 2012, the BBG's delegated investigative authority to conduct background investigations and other security services expired, yet the agency continued these activities - for years - without authorization. In 2020, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) revoked USAGM's delegated authority, something that has not happened to a federal agency in more than 20 years. According to an OPM report released last August, at least 1,500 USAGM employees, representing about 40% of its workforce, were inadequately vetted. Little wonder that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton described the BBG as "practically defunct in its capacity to tell a message around the world," or that former Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, former Congressman Ed Royce, called USAGM a "broken agency."

The Agency remains in dire straits due to a lack of transparency and accountability. Last year, former CEO Pack hired a private law firm, McGuireWoods, to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse at USAGM. What followed was a report from McGuireWoods at an estimated expense of over \$2 million to the Taxpayer - making the work product of McGuireWoods the business of the American People.

Most Americans know little about what USAGM is or does, but they deserve to know everything about the inefficiencies of an Agency presumably working in their name, and with their hard-earned tax dollars. Along with all work products provided by McGuireWoods to USAGM through the former's contract with the Agency, I request the following information:

1) Copies of any and all records, including audits, reviews, reports, memoranda, or emails, regarding the use of USAGM's delegated investigative authority (that expired in 2012), the misuse of Taxpayer resources at the Agency since 2010, as well as any form of waste, fraud or abuse, to include violations of laws and regulations by USAGM or BBG employees;

2) Copies of any and all records, including any memoranda, documents or emails (including from personal email accounts) regarding USAGM's reaction to, as well as analysis and implementation of, OPM recommendations stemming from the myriad OPM reports entailing oversight over USAGM since 2010;

3) Copies of any and all records, including any memoranda, documents or emails (including from personal email accounts) related to all individuals put on leave during the tenure of former CEO Michael Pack, to include all internal Human Resources investigations against these individuals;

4) Copies of any and all records, including any memoranda or emails (including those from personal email accounts) relating to the Open Technology Fund's refusal to provide USAGM leadership with "every contract, grant agreement, and obligation that OTF has executed to date with every organization, entity, or person to which OTF disburses funds or provides material support" - an obligation that OTF has under its grant agreement with USAGM;

5) Pursuant to #4, copies of any and all records, including any memoranda or emails (including from personal email accounts) relating to OTF's objections to providing USAGM with a detailed description of the work done by that organization, entity, or person and any deliverables they have accomplished, and a list of any other U.S. federal agencies or grantees that provide additional funding to these same organizations, entities, or persons.

6) Copies of any and all records, including any memoranda, documents or emails (including from personal email accounts) related to Kelu Chao and former acting General Counsel/Agency Ethics Official James McClaren regarding Kelu Chao being conflicted out of personnel decisions.

7) Copies of any and all records, including any memoranda, documents or emails (including from personal email accounts) regarding or from the Government Accountability project, Whistleblower.org, David Seide, Mark Zeid, Bob Litt, related to or concerning OTF, Libby Liu, Laura Cunningham, Nat Kretchun, Grant Turner, David Kligerman, Shawn Powers, Matt Walsh, Marie Lennon, Oanh Tran, Kelu Chao, and Setareh Derakshesh.

8) Copies of any and all records, including any audits, reviews, reports, memoranda, drafts, or emails (including from personal email accounts), regarding HR reports compiled and

any and all agency letters and notices sent regarding Grant Turner, David Kligerman, Shawn Powers, Matt Walsh, Marie Lennon, Oanh Tran, Kelu Chao, and Setareh Derakshesh.

9) Copies of any and all records, including any audits, reviews, reports, memoranda, drafts, or emails (including from personal email accounts) regarding the deletion or destruction of records by Libby Liu while at RFA and Shawn Powers on his government issued laptop and cellphone while under administrative leave.

10) Copies of any and all records, including any audits, reviews, reports, memoranda, drafts, or emails (including from personal email accounts) regarding the attempted access of government phone and email accounts while specifically prohibited from doing so while on administrative leave by David Kligerman.

11) Copies of any and all records, including any audits, reviews, reports, memoranda, drafts, or emails (including from personal email accounts) to the State Department's OIG, anyone affiliated with the OIG, and any member of Congress in the past 18 months.

I request that USAGM produce these records in electronic format, without redaction(s). Should I determine, in furtherance of my Constitutional oversight responsibilities, to make any documents public, I first will consult with USAGM on a case-by-case basis. Such consultation shall be for the sole purpose of permitting USAGM to identify material that it believes may require redaction in order to protect the personal privacy of career agency officials. I request these materials/records no later than Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Perry", written in a cursive style.

SCOTT PERRY  
Member of Congress  
10<sup>th</sup> District, Pennsylvania