

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) today announced his strong support for public broadcasting. "Cuts to public broadcasting would be disastrous," Olver said. "Families across the country and in the 1st District are counting on public broadcasting for news, education and entertainment. Olver supported a successful amendment to the FY06 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and the Environment appropriations bill that would protect funding for public broadcasting. Funding cuts would threaten the viability of public programming and local stations that depend on federal funding. Today's vote helps protect \$5 million for Massachusetts public television and radio stations. For stations in the 1st District, Olver said, "My office has received many, many calls from constituents urging Congress to restore funding for public broadcasting. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is the U.S.-taxpayer-funded agency that provides critical dollars to public broadcasting stations. According to the nonpartisan Roper polling firm, Americans consider the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) the most trusted news source on television."

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