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**TO: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** Copy to: **KET** (Kentucky Education Television)  
Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairman  
445 12th St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554 | (888) 225-5322  
Shea Hopkins, Exe. Director  
4600 Cooper Dr.  
Lexington, KY 40502  
800-432-0951

Copy to: **Federal Election Commission (FEC)**  
James E. Trainor, Chairman  
1050 First St., NE  
Washington, DC 20463 | (202) 694-1100

**COMPLAINT**

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**RE: KET's Unfair Coverage of Election Campaigns;  
Using Broadcast Airwaves Against Public Interests**

Dear Commissioner Rosenworcel,

I hereby file the herein Complaint against the Kentucky Education Television network (hereafter called KET). **Attached is KET's April 18, 2022 follow-up criteria letter** specifying the conditions for allowing candidates for election to appear on its broadcasts for interviews.

**Foul.** KET is requiring the candidates to raise at least \$25,000 in campaign funds, or else they will not get invited. Even worse, even if the candidates have the \$25,000, KET specifies it may still refuse appearances of candidates. **In other words**, KET is only using money to qualify candidates and further will pick-and-choose the candidates that it favors and then leave the others hanging.

This obviously is not serving the interests of the public. For, each candidate has qualified for candidacy under the law when registering and accepted by the KY Secretary of State, and each paying a registration fee. **Wherefore**, the public has a right to view all candidates across the public airwaves to determine the candidates that it favors for the general election. KET has a duty to apply the airwaves (broadcasts) equally and fairly. This prejudice of acts against the public interest is abusing the use of the airwaves, its broadcasts.

**And wherefore**, to ensure honest and fair public consideration of all candidates for the elections, I request the FCC to require KET, **without** a campaign funds requirement, to bring all candidates on its broadcasts during this primary election period.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel Cobble 4-22-2022*

Daniel Cobble, Candidate for U.S. Rep., Dist. 3

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TO: Daniel Cobble  
FROM: Toby Gibbs  
VIA EXPRESS MAIL--OVERNIGHT  
DATE: April 18, 2022  
SUBJECT: *Kentucky Tonight*

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Kentucky Educational Television ("KET") is in the process of determining whether candidates in the upcoming primaries have satisfied KET's Candidate Invitation Criteria, which were published on KET's website on November 22, 2021. One criterion for candidates in the 2022 Primaries for United States House of Representatives is the following:

The candidate's principal campaign committee has reported net contributions of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or reported net expenditures of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), on the April 15, 2022 Quarterly Report it files with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") using FEC Form 3. KET will determine satisfaction of this criterion using the amounts listed on line 6(c), Column B (Election Cycle-to-Date), and line 7(c), Column B (Election Cycle-to-Date) of the Summary Page of Receipts and Disbursements, of FEC Form 3, shown circled on the following page. To satisfy this criterion, at least one of these two reported amounts, by itself, must be \$25,000 or more. This criterion cannot be satisfied by adding the two amounts together. KET will not consider any FEC Form 3 filed or amended after the April 15, 2022 filing deadline.

In our review of the FEC's website we did not see a timely electronic filing of your principal campaign committee's April 15, 2022 Quarterly Report. Accordingly, it appears as though you failed to satisfy the above-quoted criteria. If, however, your committee timely filed a paper report with the FEC via registered or certified mail, the paper report shows satisfaction of the above-quoted criterion, and you would like to be considered for an invitation to upcoming KET programming, please immediately call Toby Gibbs at (859) 258-7141 to arrange to provide a copy of your principal campaign committee's timely, paper-filed April 15, 2022 Quarterly Report, and a copy of the postmark, for KET's consideration. You must call Mr. Gibbs no later than noon on Friday, April 22, 2022 to arrange to immediately provide KET with a copy of your timely, paper-filed report and the related postmark.

Please note that to qualify for any invitation you must satisfy all of KET's Candidate Invitation Criteria for your primary. Those criteria can be found at <https://www.ket.org/election/candidate-invitation-criteria/>. That said, KET reserves the right not to cover particular political races and the right to cancel any scheduled program, even if it has already invited a candidate or candidates to appear.