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Kari Lake Enforces President Trump's Executive Order, Reduces U.S. Agency for Global Media Workforce by 85%, Cuts Waste, and Exposes Corruption

Washington, D.C. — In accordance with President Trump's Executive Order dated March 14, 2025, titled [Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy](#), U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), has completed a significant workforce reduction eliminating 1,400 positions—an 85% decrease in personnel since March.

"Today, we took decisive action to effectuate President Trump's agenda to shrink the out-of-control federal bureaucracy," said Kari Lake, Senior Advisor to USAGM. "Reduction in Force Termination Notices were sent to 639 employees at USAGM and Voice of America—part of a long-overdue effort to dismantle a bloated, unaccountable bureaucracy. For decades, American taxpayers have been forced to bankroll an agency that's been riddled with dysfunction, bias, and waste. That ends now. I'm proud to carry out President Trump's executive order and deliver results that put America First."

In March, [Lake terminated a \\$250-million lease](#) for a luxury high-rise on Pennsylvania Avenue—an extravagant deal forced on taxpayers by the previous administration for a building that had no media broadcasting capabilities or studios. Next week, [she will testify](#) before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to expose the USAGM's record of waste, mismanagement, self-dealing, and national security failures.

This action fulfills the President's directive to eliminate all non-statutory functions and reduce USAGM to its statutory minimum. Senior career officials, with decades of federal experience, approved a statutory plan calling for 81 employees to remain.

After today, 250 employees remain across USAGM, Voice of America, and the [Office of Cuba Broadcasting](#) (OCB), which transmits news into Cuba from OCB's Marathon, Florida studio. Contrary to false reporting, none of OCB's 33 employees have been terminated.

Since February, USAGM extended two rounds of the "Fork in the Road" program—generously offering full pay through September 30, 2025, accrued leave, benefits, and early retirement options. 163 employees took advantage of the offer.

"The agency now operates near the statutory minimum; lean and focused. This is a clear example of responsible government—cutting waste, restoring accountability, and delivering on the promise to put American taxpayers first," said Lake. "I look forward to working with Congress and the Department of State to make sure the future of telling America's story is modernized, effective and aligns with America's foreign policy."

