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The Writers Guild of America, East, notes Jane Mayer's article in the current issue of The New Yorker magazine titled, "A Word from Our Sponsor: Public television's attempts to placate David Koch," which chronicles the trials and tribulations of documentary filmmakers producing work on public television that is, in part, critical of conservative industrialists David and Charles Koch. We reaffirm our support of these and all independent documentary writers and producers working to shed light on the perils faced by a democracy during a time of vast social inequality. We will continue to strongly defend their right to speak out as they fight back against censorship and political interference.

About WGAE

The Writers Guild of America, East, AFL-CIO (WGAE) is a labor union representing writers in motion pictures, television, cable, digital media, and broadcast news. The Guild negotiates and administers contracts that protect the creative and economic rights of their members; conduct programs, seminars, and events on issues of interest to writers; and present writers' views to various bodies of government. For more information on the Writers Guild of America, East, visit www.wgaeast.org.