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WASHINGTON, DC -- Today Rep. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) voted to pass the Obey-Leach-Lowey Amendment to restore federal funding for public broadcasting in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education FY 2006 Appropriations Act.

"This is a great victory!" exclaimed Eshoo. "The loyal listeners and viewers of public broadcasting in my district, along with supporters across the country, made their voices heard. The House overturned efforts by the Republican leadership to undermine one of our most cherished institutions, public broadcasting."

The amendment, which passed 284-140, reverses a decision made last week by the Republican-controlled Appropriations Committee to cut \$100 million from next year's federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). This amendment has great local significance as it restores almost \$4 million to the stations serving the Eshoo's 14th congressional district.

"This was a victory for quality, commercial-free, cultural and educational programming, public discourse and debate, as well as an independent, free press. Today was great day in Congress."

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