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To: Connecticut Public Employees

From: Mark Contreras, President and CEO, Connecticut Public

Date: Monday, September 23, 2019

RE: New England News Collaborative Staffing

I am writing to make you aware of staffing changes that will be taking place at Connecticut Public, and the New England News Collaborative.

In July, Connecticut Public offered a voluntary separation option to a small group of employees with longstanding tenure with the company. This group included John Dankosky, Executive Editor of the New England News Collaborative.

John notified us today that he plans to take advantage of this opportunity. John is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and has graciously offered to remain on staff until November 1, 2019.

John has been an important and visionary leader in public media and in our organization for 25 years. During his tenure at Connecticut Public, he has built an award-winning newsroom, created highly successful talk shows, including Where We Live, The Wheelhouse, and NEXT. Most recently, he has been the primary advocate for the New England News Collaborative.

We are very grateful for his service to our audiences, and we will certainly miss him. John has told me that he plans to continue being involved in public media. In fact, you will likely be hearing about an exciting new endeavor John hopes to be involved with.

To John's credit, the New England News Collaborative is now a successful and sustainable news organization. Connecticut Public is fully committed to continuing the Collaborative and its work moving forward. We plan to engage in this process in collaboration with other NENC station leadership and plan to reach out in the next few days.

I hope you'll join me in wishing John the very best in his next chapter. We look forward to opportunities to work with him in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to me directly, at 860-275-7220 or on my mobile at 513-560-8827.

All best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Contreras". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Mark Contreras  
President and CEO