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Kagan Confirmation Hearings to Air Live on Western Reserve Public Media's Fusion Channel

KENT, Ohio — June 24, 2010 — Tune in to Western Reserve Public Media's Fusion channel (WNEO/WEAO 45.2/49.2) for live coverage of the Senate confirmation hearings for Elena Kagan's U.S. Supreme Court nomination. Fusion will carry **PBS NewsHour**'s live coverage of the hearings beginning Monday, June 28, at 12:30 p.m. Coverage will begin with the Senate Judiciary Committee members' statements and will include Kagan's statement and the hearing's question-and-answer segments. The first day of the hearings is projected to run until 5 p.m. Coverage will continue with full days on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 29-30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Fusion. Ending times are approximate and the station will switch to other programming during long breaks in the live coverage.

Judy Woodruff will anchor the **PBS NewsHour** live hearings coverage from a booth overlooking the hearing room in the Hart Senate Office Building. Her guest will be Marcia Coyle, who regularly covers the Supreme Court for **NewsHour** and for the National Law Journal.

"This is a great example of how we can use our Fusion channel to bring important, alternative programming to Northeast Ohio," said Trina Cutter, president and CEO of Western Reserve Public Media.

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About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and

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Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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