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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Stephen Colbert's First Show Since Cancellation]

ADRIANA DIAZ: Late Show host Stephen Colbert had plenty to say and plenty of big name support last night in his first broadcast since announcing the show's cancellation. He poked fun at CBS for making the surprise move, and at President Trump, who appears to be celebrating the decision online. Vladimir Duthiers reports.

[VLADIMIR DUTHIERS's VOICE-OVER REPORT FROM *CBS MORNINGS*]

DUTHIERS: So, we had a very robust discussion about what this means on the 7:00 show and the political landscape has shifted, but certainly the economics have shifted when it comes to linear television and that is behind the decision here.

TONY DOKOUPIL: It's super interesting stuff. I mean, as you say, we talked about it a lot. We talked about it in the commercial break. It's all — it's all I hear about from people on social media and many things are true in this case and I think people see what they want to see in it.

DUTHIERS: Yeah. I mean, to me, look, I'm a child and a student of television. And so, there's a certain nostalgia associated with these shows. I mean, everybody who's anybody has appeared on a late-night talk show, so the moment when they all go away, as Matt Belloni told me earlier this week, they're probably not going to be around in the next five years.

DOKOUPIL: I know, I know, but people keep complaining and it's like, you moved out of town and then they closed the old park in town and they're upset and it's like, well, you left the tax base, right? [DUTHIERS LAUGHS] You weren't supporting the park, so the park shut down.

DIAZ: I don't know if I got that one. Explain it to me later.

DOKOUPIL: If all — if all the people that are complaining about the cancellation were actually watching in a linear fashion, the money situation would be a whole different one.

DIAZ: Yeah.

DUTHIERS: That's true.

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DIAZ: All right, Vlad. Thank you so much.