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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Show of Support]

AL ROKER: Plus, show of support..

LOUIS CATO [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 07/21/25]: Wow! Those guys get to waltz in on camera.

ROKER: A parade of comedy legends and late-night hosts making a surprise appearances on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* following its sudden cancellation. All the laughs and highlights from a star-studded night.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Late-Night Hosts Rally Around Colbert]

ROKER: Alright, well now we're going to turn to a story we have been following since last week, that big shake-up in late night TV. Some of the biggest names in comedy attending *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* just days after CBS announced it is ending the show and getting out of the entire time period next year. NBC's Joe Fryer following that story for us. Joe?

JOE FRYER: Hey, good morning. Monday night marked the first episode of *The Late Show* since Stephen Colbert revealed the show is being canceled. In the audience, an elite comedy club of hosts and stars showing up to support their friend.

[VOICE-OVER PORTION OF FRYER's REPORT FROM *TODAY*]

FRYER: Critics point out just a few days before the news, Colbert criticized CBS's parent company Paramount for its \$16 million settlement with President Trump over a *60 Minutes* interview. Colbert called it "a big, fat bribe" because Paramount needs FCC approval for its multibillion-dollar merger with Skydance Media. CBS has said the cancellation is not related to the show's performance or content. Back to you guys.

DYLAN DREYER: Alright, thanks, Joe.

ROKER: I should also note that he's been number one for about nine years.

DREYER: Yeah. And it's such a, you know, mainstay in late-night TV.

SAVANNAH SELLERS: It's such a shakeup.

DREYER: It's wild, yeah.