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Committee Members,

My name is Sarah Cummings and I am the Preschool Instructor in Sand Point, Alaska, an island in the Aleutian Chain. I am writing in support of Public Broadcasting and our local radio station 830 AM KSDP.

Public Broadcasting is an integral part of our community of 1,000 people. While convenient at times, out here the internet connection, phone service, and television clarity leave much to be desired. Our radio station, however, provides us with consistent local news, Emergency Alert Readiness, educational opportunities, and entertainment.

This year, a high school english class wrote their own local news stories about the latest salmon fishing season. The class then recorded the story to be played on the radio. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to write about a subject that matters to them and have the community hear it. Further, someone from the radio station often comes to the high school basketball games and broadcasts the game for those who could not physically make it, allowing all members of the community to participate in the fun and excitement.

To cut funding for Public Broadcasting would eliminate a huge part of how our community shares information. The radio station is an integral part of our community and we depend on it and cherish it. Thank you.

Best,

Sarah Cummings