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Good afternoon Alaska State Legislators:

On behalf of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to all of you today to ask that you please consider not reducing the funding for public broadcasting.

If the state cuts 100% of funding to public broadcasting, at least seven (7) stations will not qualify for federal funding from the CPB. These stations include: **KSTK Wrangell**, KFSK Petersburg, KHNS Haines, KCUH Valdez, KDLL Kenai, KYUK Bethel and KYUK Bethel TV. As a result, an additional \$1,527,000 in federal operating dollars will be lost!

If KSTK Wrangell loses all state funding and federal funding, all we are left with is local contributions. A town the size of Wrangell, population 2,400, cannot support 100% of the cost of running this station. If KSTK Wrangell turns off it's signal, Wrangell is left without the statewide Emergency Alert System and we will have no source for daily local, regional or statewide news and no daily source for community announcements that keep all of us connected.

Again, please consider not reducing the funding for public broadcasting!

Sincerely yours, Christie Jamieson, President

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