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Public Radio in Alaska is an essential service! Whether I am at my cabin in McCarthy, home in Anchorage, or traveling around the state of Alaska for work, I depend on public radio for news and safety messaging. I cannot recount the number of times public radio was the vector for me to learn important, sometimes potentially life-saving information. Public radio also provides as close to bias-free news coverage as perhaps is possible, for which I greatly appreciate it. I can only assume that any legislator that truly feels public broadcasting in Alaska is a non-essential service has never spent an appreciable amount of time in rural communities in the state. I will continue to fund public broadcasting in Alaska as long as it exists, and I will be sure to not offer my support for any legislator that votes to remove it from sources of public funding. I cannot think of a friend or acquaintance who has verbalized to me their desire to strip public broadcasting of public funding.

Thank you for considering my comments,
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