From: Beverly Hoffman

To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

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My name is Beverly Hoffman. I am 64 years old. Alaskan born and raised. Most of my years have been along the Kuskokwim River in Bethel Alaska listening to Bethel Broadcasting, KYUK. For all of my adult life I have been a volunteer for this station and a huge supporter of our state public broadcasting efforts. Every year law makers talk about cuts to public broadcasting. This bothers me so much as we count on the services. Public Broadcasting connects the state and is a lifeline to those of us in rural Alaska. In our region support of public broadcasting is huge but we still need state support. Without it, public broadcasting would not get the federal matching funds and grants needed to survive. Cuts and layoffs would be horrible and small stations like KYUK would not be able to survive. Local, regional and state news, emergency alerts and other important information is provided to so many including myself through public broadcasting stations.

I support a 1,000 cap on our permanent fund, I support a statewide income tax and I thank you all for your hard work but please continue to support Public Broadcasting.

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