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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Dear members of the Finance Committee,

I understand that today you will hear comments from Petersburg and two other communities in regard to HB256. I am writing you today to encourage you to seriously consider what public broadcasting does for a community like Petersburg. KFSK is the only source of local radio available to our community. The impact on our borough and surrounding area, should they no longer be able to function would lead to absolutely no ability to get the word out about a pending emergency. Over and over, throughout the year the people of this community depend on being able to tune in to find out what is happening. Muskeg messages provide important meeting times and places to those outside cell phone areas, road reports during the winter alert drivers to the conditions and offer important reminders, local borough assembly meetings are broadcast alerting locals to important issues and encouraging comment, and our local police utilize the radio to alert us to safety issues as they arise. These are simply a few examples of what KFSK provides that cannot be replaced by any other source. They are the the most immediate and important conduit of information for our town. This community has supported them wholeheartedly with both memberships and monetary contributions for close to four decades and we will continue to support them moving forward, but we need your help.

I understand that you have a difficult job in front of you, but understand that some things once gone cannot be easily brought back. Choose wisely in what you do here and realize that unlike other places, this radio station is all we have. Please find a way to help us keep it.

Thank you,

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