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I urge this committee to avoid devastating cuts to public media. Non profit public stations and commercial for profit stations have different missions that cannot be blended or substituted and still benefit the public. Public media has taken cuts for the past several years and has already adjusted its programming and personnel.

I am a contributing member of 2 public stations—KUAC (Fairbanks) and KCHU (Valdez). There are many places on PWS where internet coverage is not available, cell signal is spotty or non-existent. People in smaller, remote communities depend on regional and local coverage of weather, road conditions, marine forecast and conditions which are important to safety. and play a vital role in decisions re. travel, etc. These stations link business between these communities. Local news coverage may be only once a week in print. Public radio broadcasts local news several times daily.

In addition, programming is set within budget to fit viewer/listener needs. The rich variety offered by public stations is not going to occur on for profit media. All this information is vital to an informed citizen.

Commercial media stations based in high population areas have neither the coverage area nor the need to notify outlying communities. Their first mission is to make a profit. This issue is very important to me. I hope that my situation is very important to you.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely, Mary Corcoran