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To add my voice to tomorrow's hearings:

1. Please restore funding to Public Radio and broadcasting. Public Radio is our first line of defense in an emergency. As a member of the Kachemak Bay Emergency Fire Service Area Board of Directors, I know how important public radio is to the Kenai Peninsula. Over the past years we suffered a severe earth quake and fires. Public radio was there. Please note, it is also dependent on Alaska Public Broadcasting, as many smaller stations are, for engineering support. And, without State funding, they will not be eligible for Federal Funding. Public Radio keeps us informed, allowing us to hear Assembly and Council meetings.
2. DOT: During the big snow storm that hit the Homer area last month, had we had a fire or emergency, KESA could not have gotten thier equipment where needed because the state roads had not been plowed. This is a area the legislature must look at seriously. We are talking safety, life and property.
3. Schools: our children are our future. You deny them a proper education, you will pay a price later. They are the ones to one day support thier elders. Please, maintain funding for our schools.

Thank you all for listening.

Sincerely,

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