From: Elizabeth Lyons

To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Please don"t cut funding to KHNS!!

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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am a retired veterinarian living part-time in Haines. KHNS was a large factor in my decision to relocate to Haines, where I have owned a house since 2004. KHNS provides emergency notifications, community information, jobs, educational and social opportunities for the whole Upper Lynn Canal. These functions are essential to our communities of Haines, Skagway, Klukwan and outlying areas. Local funding, although impressive, is NOT sufficient to maintain service. And if state funding is withdrawn, we will lose our matching CPB grant.

As a board member of the Haines Animal Rescue Kennel, I can attest that our organization utilizes KHNS just about daily to assist in identifying, locating, and reuniting pet owners and lost or orphaned pets. Please do not remove the valuable service that KHNS provides to us.

Please continue to fund public broadcasting in rural areas, where we depend upon it!

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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