Dear Finance Committee:

I'm writing to ask you to restore the funding for public broadcasting in the budget. I was born and raised in Juneau, and I've been watching and listening to public television and radio all my life. When my brother and I were younger, we volunteered on Jeff Brown's "We Like Kids," reading the weather and announcing children's music. These days, I get most of my local news from KTOO first, and I watch KTOO TV more than most channels. Without public broadcasting, Juneau and Southeast would be short an important source of news, information, and entertainment.

I know that the Legislature is facing some difficult financial decisions this year, but I believe that money spent on public broadcasting is less an expense and more an investment in a well-informed public. Please restore funding for public broadcasting.

Thank you, Jane Sherbrooke Juneau