From: Yukon Ron"s

To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: ARCS funding

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As a 35 year resident of Eagle, Alaska, I wanted to offer my input on the value of the ARCS service, especially in remote communities such as ours. While some people can afford individual satellite dishes to provide access to television and radio, most Bush residents live within lower economic means and rely on ARCS and public radio to connect them, quite literally, to the world. Children and adults have programming that informs and entertains and offers insights into life beyond our rural, Alaskan town. While everyone here has chosen the Bush lifestyle, you could say that ARCS (and RATNET before that) has become part of the fabric of that lifestyle for most. I respectfully ask that you reconsider the elimination of this vital service to rural Alaska. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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