From: Ms. Nelle

To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting funding

**Date:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:18:53 AM

Dear sirs/madams,

I respectfully ask you, ZERO funding for public broadcasting?

Public broadcasting is a vital lifeline for many rural villages and towns in Alaska, whether it's televised or by radio broadcast. Emergency information (tsunami warnings, severe weather warnings, road closures, etc.), as well as local, state, national and international news will not be heard. Quality entertainment also will be lost.

And if our radio stations get zero funding from our state, that will also mean zero funding from the federal budget due to the smaller towns being unable to raise enough funds to qualify. And not a good way to add to unemployment in our state. Have you considered the hundreds of Alaska citizens who will be jobless due to the cuts?

I implore you to reconsider this disastrous cut to public broadcasting. It is a vital element in our great state.

Sincerely, Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene PO Box 515 Haines, Alaska