From: Rudy Multz

To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Proposed Budget Cuts for Public Broadcasting

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Esteemed Members of the Senate Finance Committee;

As a lifelong Alaskan I have watched our budget fluctuate over the past 30 years.

I can appreciate the circumstances that have brought about the difficult decisions that the legislature faces now.

However, the proposed Public Broadcasting cut is uncalled for and would be devastating to communities across the state.

I am an avid listener of KBBI out of Homer, Alaska.

Public Radio is how I get my news about what is happening in the state and it informs me about local events and actions as well.

KBBI manages our local emergency response system for this community as well as the greater Cook Inlet and Kachemak Bay.

The loss of local news and national programming would likely blind our awareness in this progressive community.

If the proposed budget goes through, KBBI would be forced to cut programming, lay off staff, reduce overall services and in effect, miss out on potential revenue streams in their service area.

Please consider the impact of your proposed cut before we lose this important community infrastructure and resource.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration in this matter,

Rudy Multz

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