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To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Cc: Glen Pardy

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Streaming radio is NOT the answer in rural Alaska. I live in Nome, where we have a Covenant radio station, a Catholic radio station, and a KUAC public radio translator. Cutting public broadcasting will HURT rural Alaska, where our internet is so tightly capped that we can't afford to stream. If translator stations are lost, you will further isolate rural Alaskans from statewide news - and urban Alaskans from rural input - as well as quality national and international news broadcasting. We do NOT have alternatives. At a time when we need to pull together the loss of public broadcasting in Alaska just divides us even more.

PLEASE don't let us lose our public radio translator stations!

Sincerely,

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