

Doniece Gott

From: Leo Luczak [mailto:leo@luczak.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Senate Finance; Senate Finance Committee; sfin@akleg.com
Subject: Public Radio Support!

During this time of crisis I am reminded how much we value the services that public radio provides to our community. I am self isolating as recommended and 2 younger women just announced on our local radio station that they be willing to deliver supplies to anyone that needs them (including senior such as myself). Without public radio's constant updates I would have no way of knowing the various closures, rescheduling, cancellations and recommendations from local government for dealing with this crisis. Our only other source of local new is a weekly newspaper that is outdated by the time it is published and requires a trip to the local Post Office for pickup.

Please demand that State continue to support (or increase) funding for public radio! It is a vital service to our community!

Leon Luczak

Petersburg

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Doniece Gott

From: Nicoli Bailey [\[redacted\]](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed budget for public radio satellite communications

Currently there is \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications from what I understand. I am in support of this amount of funding or more.
Thank you.

Nicoli Bailey
907-771-5977 (no texts please)
Anchorage, Alaska

We think that the point is to pass the test or overcome the problem, but the truth is that things don't really get solved. They come together and they fall apart. Then they come together again and fall apart again. It's just like that. The healing comes from letting there be room for all of this to happen: room for grief, for relief, for misery, for joy.
- Pema Chodron

Doniece Gott

From: Laura Davidson <[redacted]@alaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support public radio

To whom it may concern,

We do not have television cable service and rely on public radio for our news. A huge concern now with the pandemic, we rely on this source of information every day.

Thank you for your time,
Laura Davidson
Registered voter
Eagle River, AK

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Doniece Gott

From: Rich MacIntosh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Our support for Public Radio spending

Dear members of the Finance Committee.

We urge you to support the currently proposed budget allocation of 1 million dollars for Public Radio and \$879,500 dollars for satellite communication. Alaska needs Public Radio!

Sincerely, Richard and Molly MacIntosh
Kodiak, AK 99615

Doniece Gott

From: Rayette Sterling <Rayette.Sterling@alaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Funding

Finance committee members,

My name is Rayette Sterling, and I live in Anchorage. I implore you to maintain or increase funding for our public media. It is important during this national state of emergency that all Alaska residents have access to timely, accurate information. We depend upon our public media for that information. For many Alaskans public radio is a lifeline. Fishing industry workers, rural residents, and folks with limited access to the Internet deserve to access to news and information. During this time of social distancing public media programs like Talk of Alaska, and Native America Calling allow us to stay connected. PBS programming helps us to learn about our shared American History and culture as well as provide a stress relief and entertainment. Public media strengthens our communities and our state.

Thank you,
Rayette Sterling

Doniece Gott

From: Barbara Trantina ~~barbara.trantina@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Ed Ulman; Lori Townsend; Linda Wei; Linda Isaac
Subject: Fund public broadcasting

Dear Finance Committee,

I know you've heard this before but, now more than ever, Alaska needs to fund public broadcasting so it can continue to educate and inform our citizens. We are in uncharted water when it comes to navigating safely around the Coronavirus. Alaska Public Media has provided the entire state with unprecedented access to our local, state and national health care community through hours and hours of radio, television and digital programming.

Securing access to science, factual, evidence based information is now a matter of life or death. Please, do the right thing. Fund this critical information artery so we all have the chance to make healthy decisions for ourselves, our families and our Alaska community.

Sincerely,
Bede Trantina
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Kathy Trautner <kathy.trautner@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for Public Radio

I would urge our legislators to vote their support for the proposed \$1 million to support Alaska Public Radio. It is a primary and reliable source of statewide news especially for those of us who live outside of Anchorage. Broadcasts and updates about the Covid-19 issues have been extremely informative and helpful.

I also hope to see support for our satellite system that is so essential to our outlying communities.

Thank you
Kathy Trautner

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Gretchen Clarke
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Support Public Media

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing to ask you to maintain funding for Alaska public media. Public media plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities by providing essential daily local, regional, and state news and information including local/community health, public safety, and emergency information. Now more than ever, we are seeing how important accurate, dependable news and information is to ensure the well-being of all Alaskans. During this global pandemic, public broadcasters like my own local station, KCAW, are keeping the community informed by providing trusted, credible information in the face of rampant misinformation.

It is a tough fiscal climate in the state, but eliminating public services like public broadcasting will further jeopardize the health and welfare of our great state. I urge you to please keep public broadcasting alive.

Thank you for your service to all Alaskans,
Gretchen Clarke
Sitka, AK

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Gretchen S. Clarke, MPH
gretchensclarke@gmail.com

Doniece Gott

From: Frank Gwartney frank.gwartney@alaska.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media funding

I urge you to increase funding for public radio and satellite communications. Particularly in these times. Public radio has a most crucial role in keeping the broadest range of Alaskans informed about current topics and urgent news without bias. Everyone can afford a radio which is accessible anywhere, anytime.

Thank you.

Frank Gwartney
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Mindy O'Neill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Broadcasting

Greetings Members of the Esteemed Senate Finance Committee,

There are many items that deserve consideration of funding in the budget, and today my comments will focus on support for the \$1,000,000 funding for **Public Broadcasting**.

Across the state, 30,000 Alaskans are members of 27 local radio or TV public broadcasting stations. 11% of total funding for public broadcasting used to be provided by the state to deliver quality programming; the rest is raised from members and underwriting. The station managers across the state have made due with these arrangements, but still require state funding to operate effectively. The state relies on the connectedness of the public broadcasting system to provide not only culturally relevant information and nationwide programming, but also an emergency system to access in case of a natural disaster, such as the Anchorage Earthquake in 2018. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, public broadcasting is able to reliably report to Alaskans far and wide the latest critical information.

Please consider this an investment in communities across the state and retain and protect this funding line item.

Thank you, Mindy O'Neill

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c- 907-727-3887

Doniece Gott

From: Paul Twardock [\[redacted\]](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

Please support public media: in this time of crises they are a critical communication and news medium. Thanks, Paul Twardock, Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: B Robson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; sararasmussen@gmail.com
Subject: Public Media

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concern for AK Public Media funding. I support the request for additional funding. In this time of pandemic and divisive politics it is critical that we in Alaska have a source for unbiased news.

Doniece Gott

From: David <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public radio and television

Dear Senators,

I urge you to fund public broadcasting to the highest level possible. Public radio and TV is a source of unbiased news and community information for me and many other Alaskans. In many areas of Alaska such as Kachemak Bay and the Gulf of Alaska where I live, it is the only way to keep in touch.

Thank you for your hard work.

David Stutzer
Homer, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Tina Seaton <~~tina.seaton@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Full support for public radio and tv

Dear Finance committee members,

Thank you very much for your service to our state. I know the time, effort and care you put into your job as a legislator and I appreciate it very much.

Another organization that provides a great service to the people of our state are the public radio and tv stations around the state. They provide in-depth local, state and national news, as well as emergency notifications to areas of our state that have no other access. Especially in this time of a worldwide pandemic our far-flung areas of the state need to be able to get the latest news so they can protect themselves and their loved ones.

I and many of my neighbors and friends support our public radio and tv stations financially as much as we are able but the state needs to continue the current level of support.

Thank you again for your service,

Tina Seaton
58395 Bruce Ave.
Homer, AK 99603

Doniece Gott

From: Bob Swenson <~~swenson@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for public media

Bob Swenson
Retired
Homer

Please accept my strong support for full funding of Alaska public media in the state budget. (I also support them through personal donation) I will not go through the many reasons, but merely urge you to keep unbiased reporting and pertinent educational programming as an option for the public.

Regards,
and stay safe
Bob swenson

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: John Macclarence ~~Doniece Gott~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget request for Alaska Public Media

Please increase the proposed budget amount for Alaska Public Media. This is our trusted source of information in good times and bad. In this time of crisis, information is life saving.

All schools are closed. Alaska Public media Media provides family appropriate programming to help Alaska's children maintain and grow their educational level. This service is vital when we are all locked in place. Please help keep us sane.
Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Ann Vigil <~~annvigil51@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

I rely on Alaska Public Media for unbiased news and information. I primarily watch PBS programs on television as regular tv programs don't offer me the thoughtful and quality programming I desire.

Please support the PBS funding needed to maintain quality television programming in Anchorage.

Thank you.

Ann Vigil

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Best,
Ann Vigil

Doniece Gott

From: Todd Carroll <~~todd.carroll@notmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Now more than ever we need to provide and maintain funding for public radio.

Hello,

I hope we all agree that I shouldn't have to spend time to tell any of you this, but I wonder if I don't if you, our elected officials, think we don't understand the need for accurate reporting in a democracy through public radio. That doesn't come with user fees, commercials, private donations, or corporate donors; that comes from stable, sufficient public funding from local, state, and federal governments. When I need fair, accurate information I turn to public radio. When I want to learn about the latest update on health or safety, or community and national and international news, public radio is the only reliable source not driven by special interests. Please provide the funding requested to maintain this essential service. Thank you!

Todd
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Robert Reagan <~~robert.reagan@alaskapublicmedia.org~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media - Funding

To the Committee:

I am a long time small supporter of Alaska Public Media. I support Alaska Public Media because I rely on it both for entertainment and for a news perspective that is different from commercial news media (both are important to me). I also recognize, however, that Alaska Public Media provides important public services that all Alaskans should help pay for. These services include education for people who cannot easily afford education, and high quality children's programming for people who cannot easily afford it otherwise, in addition to the aforementioned news coverage. I therefore urge you to continue to support Alaska Public Media, not for the services it provides to me, which I should pay for, but for the services it provides to the public, which otherwise will not be adequately paid for, or adequately provided. Thank you for your attention.

Robert R Reagan
PO Box 671194 (35850 Eklutna Lake Road) Chugiak, AK 99567

907-688-6610

Doniece Gott

From: Cassie Thomas <casie.thomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support public media in Alaska

When I moved to Alaska in the 1990s, one of my criteria for deciding whether to make the state my home was the availability of public radio and TV. Since living here, I have been a consistent donor to both services. However, while it's great to be in a position of being able to give private dollars, I believe public media performs essential services for all Alaskans and thus deserves public support, too. Especially in these fraught times, public media provides objective, accurate information to keep us informed and safe. It also is of immense help to parents as a source of learning for their stuck-at-home kids, and helps lift everyone's spirits.

Please consider increasing your appropriation for this important service, or, at the very least, maintaining the proposed amount.

Thank you!

Kathryn Thomas

11081 Glazanof Dr.

Anchorage AK 99507

Doniece Gott

From: duane_miller <duanemiller@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio and communications

I arrived in AK way before we had public radio. But in my years of travels and work across the state, the benefits of our support for public communications became very obvious. Please, support adequate financial support for public radio and sat comm.

Duane Miller
9720 Hillside Drive
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio financing

Hello,
I am here to support increasing the state financial support of public radio. It is the primary and sometimes sole source of news for parts of Alaska.
Robert K. Rogers

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Doniece Gott

From: Sue Flint <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

Please fully fund public radio. At times of crisis like now we realize how vital it is in our small communities.

Thank you.

Susan Flint
Petersburg

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Douglas Molyneaux <douglas.molyneaux@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget Hearing on Public Radio Funding

Senators:

I'm writing in regard to the budget hearing and the proposed \$1 million dollar budget for public radio and the \$879,500 increment for satellite communication. I am strongly in favor of these proposed budget amounts. Public radio is an integral component of our community providing programing unavailable through any other means. A prime example has been the past two days with the airing of KSAK's "Runnings" program. This coverage is a central component of informing citizens about candidates for Anchorage Assembly and the Anchorage School Board as well as the propositions to appear on the April ballot. The program provides like coverage during state-wide campaigns. This forum is not mirrored by any other outlet and is critical to maintaining an informed citizenry on which a robust and functional democracy depends. It is appropriate that public funds be used in support of this programing as proposed in the hearings today.

Doug Molyneaux

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dmolyneaux@gci.net

Doniece Gott

From: William Gehler ~~415.461.0100~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

My husband and I are self-isolating per instructions of our public health officials, and our very own family first responders (Prov ER Nurse and Firefighter-paramedic in Anchorage). We are proud of the bold actions taken by our local and state government officials related to the best tactics during this pandemic, and we intend to follow their guidance. We are long term supporters of public radio and TV and appreciate the programming as well as the public service they provide throughout Alaska. We have been listeners, then occasional donors, and now are annual sustaining members because we believe in their mission, their journalistic and programming standards and are confident in their actual value to Alaskans and to Alaska, and beyond.

We ask that you support the \$1M for public radio and TV, and the \$879,00 for satellite communications.

We realize you are faced with very tough decisions, and know there are many priorities on behalf of the people and businesses of Alaska. We also know how important timely accurate, clear and pervasive communication of facts and smart guidance are for all Alaskans - always, but especially during times like these. Original 'transplants' from California in 1976, we have always appreciated and in fact, loved, that Alaska is a community of people who care for one another and for the welfare of this state. We believe strongly that public media is critical to our large and disparate Alaskan 'community.'

Respectfully,

Jan and Bill Gehler
2411 Foxhall Drive
Anchorage, AK 99504
Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: John F. Harris Jr. <jfharrisjr@wasilla.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public broadcasting budget line item increase indicated

Dear Sir/Madam,

We may acknowledge, amidst the current crisis, that government owes citizens access to non-commercial broadcast content. The people of Alaska voluntarily pay money to keep this vital resource on the air (80% of total budget). Public broadcasting covers 97% of the state and is THE crucial link, statewide, for our Emergence Alert System and FEMA. This committee, the legislature, at large, and the governor, ultimately, must join their constituents and pay what is their due. That million dollars on the table right now should be doubled or trebled.

Sincerely,
John F Harris Jr
Wasilla

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Susan Sherman <missinwyoming@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media

During this unprecedented blow to our local and global economies, I encourage you to fund Alaska Public Media. I and many others rely on public radio and television for news and high quality educational programming. Our public media upholds high journalistic standards and provides an invaluable service to our communities.

Susan Sherman
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: ~~Doniece Gott~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PBS AK

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Alaska Legislature,

I support full funding of Alaska's Public Broadcasting System. I urge you to support \$1 million in the proposed budget for this organization.

G. A. Ronnback
Wasilla

Doniece Gott

From: Sarah Keller sarah.keller10@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Financial support for Alaska's public radio/TV stations

I am writing to you to encourage you to please provide maximum financial support to Alaska's public radio and TV. All of Alaska has long depended on this vital connectivity across our vast state. I have lived here more than 40 years and can recite many examples where public radio/TV has helped communities in trying times.

Now is especially with the Covid-19 virus sweeping our state it is a critical time for all Alaskans get current and accurate news coverage, hear broadcasts of speeches by the Governor, and hear direct information from disease and emergency experts about how to minimize negative outcomes to people as well as to our economy.

Many people are having to shelter at home with little contact with others and it is a abrupt change of lifestyle. Public radio helps maintain a sense of community over the air waves and online.

Admittedly, these are financially trying times for all of us and we must make important decisions. Thank you for doing your part in this statewide legislative process to help continue to provide our state with all the tools it needs to help each other through this crisis. It is imperative that public radio/TV can serve all citizens.

Thank you for your support and thank you for your work,

Sarah Keller
169 Eagle Ridge Rd
Fairbanks, AK 99712
(907) 457-1468

Doniece Gott

From: William Henriksen <~~william.henriksen@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

I'm expressing my support for Alaska Public Media, in hope that State funding continues at a level that insures continuation of; of educating the community, providing emergency public notification and providing public non partisan viewpoints on issues effecting local and State communities.

I don't have an expectation of the State funding to relieve me from providing my own share of funding; I personally fund \$100 per month. I do this because Public Media provides the best information during State and Local emergencies. The programming provided by our local station provides excellent reporting of current news on the National, State and local level. It also has local State programs that help educate and inform members of the community to events and happenings on the State and local level.

I've had a very high regard for their service to the community for years, and over the last couple of years I've been very impressed by coverage they have provided for emergency events that directly effected me, such as the November 30, 2018 Earthquake. I've listened to other Public radio stations in other States during my travels and have found our local Anchorage Station and Stations in other parts of the State, such as Kodiak to provide the same fine service. Part of what allows this to happen comes from the funding from the State of Alaska, private companies and in donors like me.

Not everyone can afford to personally donate \$1,200 per year, I certainly couldn't in the early 80s after I graduated from UAF and entered the workforce. What I donate now pays my share, but I know there are people in the State that are cash strapped, who at this time can't contribute their share. State and Local Government helping fund this service is critical for helping make the service available to our State and Local community. I ask that the Finance Committee continue to maintain the previous level of funding to help maintain this essential service.

Thanks,

William Henriksen, Eagle River

Dear Public Media Supporter,

The Alaska Legislature is in session and tomorrow (3/18) the Senate Finance committee will hold a hearing on the budget. Currently there is \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Ed Ulman <edulman@alaskapublic.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Barbara Trantina
Cc: Senate Finance Committee; Lori Townsend; Linda Wei; Linda Isaac
Subject: Re: Fund public broadcasting

Thank you, Bede. We appreciate you making time to advocate for the cause we all hold so dearly.

Ed Ulman
President & CEO
Alaska Public Media

Direct: 907-550-8411
Fax: 907-550-8401
edulman@alaskapublic.org

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 10:11 AM Barbara Trantina <bedert@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Finance Committee,

I know you've heard this before but, now more than ever, Alaska needs to fund public broadcasting so it can continue to educate and inform our citizens. We are in uncharted water when it comes to navigating safely around the Coronavirus. Alaska Public Media has provided the entire state with unprecedented access to our local, state and national health care community through hours and hours of radio, television and digital programming.

Securing access to science, factual, evidence based information is now a matter of life or death. Please, do the right thing. Fund this critical information artery so we all have the chance to make healthy decisions for ourselves, our families and our Alaska community.

Sincerely,
Bede Trantina
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Pennington, Diane ~~mailto:pennington@state.tn.gov~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio and communication services

I believe these are essential to our wide community, we depend on them for local information that isn't available elsewhere. Those with connectivity issues or who won't be able to afford the high cost of tv/ cable/ streaming look to these. Thank you for representing all of us in this time of need.
Communication ESP. With social distancing should be a top priority.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Doniece Gott

From: Mark Wiggin ~~mwiggin@yahoo.com~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: mwiggin@yahoo.com
Subject: Please fund public broadcasting in AK

Dear Senate finance committee members,

Now more than ever we need the reliability of public broadcasting news and information and alerts and entertainment in Alaska to inform and protect residents across the entire state. As a Board Member of Alaska Public Media (APM) in Anchorage, I can assure you that staff at KSKA Radio and KAKM TV are doing everything in their power to be cost-efficient in their operations. And even in the current chaotic and scary time, when we are shutting ourselves in to protect ourselves and those around us from contagion, PUBLIC BROADCASTING IS THERE!!! They are now conveying—and it is NO EXAGGERATION— life and death information...no exaggeration.

On our first day of quarantine at our house here in Anchorage on Monday I think it was, we watched the community forum organized by Alaska Public Media and the municipalities and the states personnel responding to the pandemic. Listening to that program, knowing the difficulty of putting that together and responding so quickly, gave me the chills and gave us great comfort in knowing that something in our system is still working. It made me very proud of our first responders and those municipal and state level organizations that are trying to protect us amongst this contagion.

Please, find public media at this critical no deadly time in our history. Again I do not believe I am using terms of exaggeration thank you very much for your work there in Juneau

Mark Wiggin

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Julie Gorham <~~gorhamj@ballardgott.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support PBS

Public radio and television were exclusive and essential sources for communication and entertainment when I lived in Bethel in the '70s and '80s. Many of us, as young adults, volunteered in numerous ways at KYUK to serve the people of the YK Delta. Moving to Eagle River in the '80s, I continued to be a regular supporter of public radio and television as I raised my four children. The vastness of Alaska and the isolation of so many communities continues to make the high quality of public radio and television not a luxury but an essential to creating an informed population. Please continue to give maximum financial support to public radio and television.

Thank you.

Julie Ballard Gorham

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Rebekah Riley <Rebekah.Riley@wasilla.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public broadcasting

I urge the committee to PASS the budget funding for public broadcasting and satellite services!

Especially during this time of social distancing which may last through the summer (for many months), communication and news only provided by our public broadcasting system is going to be vital for our state.

In our rural communities and rural state that does not get country-wide coverage on the major news stations, we rely on our public broadcasting stations to deliver our local news and weather. To not fund our APM would not only be disappointing, it would be a major disservice ESPECIALLY with everyone stuck at home during this trying time.

Please fund our public broadcasting services!

Respectfully,
Rebekah - Wasilla

Doniece Gott

From: Martin Susort <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:10 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony for Public Media in Alaska

I would like to support Alaska Public Media,

I live in a small town in Alaska, Petersburg. The news and information we receive is generally quick and straight forward representation of the current situation. More than I can say about the current nationwide news services that are owned and operated by influence peddlers trying to increase their wealth. The Public Media services we receive deserve your support.

Thank You for your time and support.

Martin Susort, Petersburg Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Connie Zarndt ~~cczarndt@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:12 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio and satellite budget

Good morning.

Public radio and its corollaries are extremely important to all, not just rural, Alaskans. It provides daily information that is critical to our state and to the world. It provides a window to the world and other cultures. In the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, public radio provides current and accurate information in all respects, from information, resources, closures, changes...too numerous to list.

I strongly encourage you to fully fund Public Radio or, if anything, add more funding. We depend on this avenue for connection to our state and world.

Thank you
Conradine Zarndt

Doniece Gott

From: Stephen Cleary <scleary@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Fund Public Radio

Dear Sen. Finance Cmte:

I am writing to voice my support for continued and increased funding for public radio. Even before the current crisis, public radio has consistently been a source for important information for my family. The local, state and national news provided by public radio is essential to Alaskans all across the state. And it's a great way to stay connected - my 11 year-old can't get enough of the Iditarod coverage.

I urge your continued funding of and support for public radio as you consider the proposed budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Cleary
2654 Lovejoy Drive
Anchorage AK 99508

Doniece Gott

From: David Harr <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support for Public Radio!!

Dear Finance Committee,

Please keep funding at current levels or increase.
Public radio is good for Alaska.

Dave Harr
Anchorage, AK
907-441-0912

Doniece Gott

From: Charles Flynn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:59 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public broadcasting

Please support full or increased funding for public broadcasting statewide. A time of great uncertainty is the time strong local, national and international news reporting is most necessary. Public broadcasting has an unmatched record for the facts. In most places in Alaska there is effectively no alternative, and statewide it provides an unmatched record of what our public officials are doing, good or bad. Please support transparency and accuracy.

Chuck Flynn
1519 Hidden Lane
Anchorage, AK 99501
907-279-5839
Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media

To all,

With the current pandemic (and whatever else may come), it is essential that we pull together and have trustworthy sources of information. I consider Alaska Public Media essential for these purposes. Please continue to fund Alaska Public Media.

Mike Dieni

Doniece Gott

From: Jessica Taft <jessica.taft@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

During these troubling and anxious times, I'm writing to ask for an increase in the Public Media budget of \$1 million. Many Alaskans - in both urban and especially rural - rely on public media for unbiased news about their community, state, and the US. Public media continues to be a source of accountable reporting on the issues that matter most.

In addition, as we keep social distances for an unknown period of time, Alaskans will count on public media for educational programming while school is out, and for entertainment as public facilities are closed.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Best regards,
Jessica Taft

Doniece Gott

From: Nancy Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

Dear Finance Committee of the Alaska Legislature,

There is so much changing in our world and lives at the moment, it is scary and frustrating to get accurate information. At a time when we are becoming more isolated from one another, it is just the very time to ensure that we have access to unbiased news and educational programming.

Please support the funding request of \$1 million for Alaska Public Media and the additional \$879,000 for satellite communications.

Now, more than ever, this service is so very important to fund.

Sincerely,
Nancy Anderson
Seward, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Mike McLean ~~doniece.gott@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media

I would like to inform you of my support for public media companies. I have listened and watch them for a long as they have been broadcasting.

Their importance in our state cannot be emphasized enough.

From news, international, national and local, as well as education I know that I can count on the expertise and unbiased reporting and delivery.

Private sector broadcasters have special interest influences. At this most crucial time in our history we need all hands on board. To silence or curtail this valuable service would be a horrible shame. And I would be, as a longtime Alaskan, very disappointed and embarrassed by the shortsighted view by those who believe less truthful or biased information is a benefit to our community.

This attempt to hamstring public media is tantamount to censorship and I wonder if there is an underlying reason why the funding of public media is under fire, under the pretense of budget cuts.

Please vote for fully funded public media services for Alaska and its citizens.

Mike McLean

Doniece Gott

From: Maureen Knutsen <maureenknutsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media funding

In this current emergency public health situation we are experiencing and as a rural Alaska resident, I am even more appreciative than ever for my public radio station, KDLG in Dillingham, as a trusted source of information. Yesterday my internet was not working for unknown reasons and it was especially reassuring to have a trusted source for news and information.

I am a member and monthly contributor to KDLG and also contribute to KSKA in Anchorage. I ask you to please continue fully funding this essential service for all Alaskans.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Alaskans and for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

Maureen Knutsen
PO Box 134
Naknek, AK 99633
(907)246-6675

Doniece Gott

From: Betsy Jumper <~~jumper07@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting

Please support public broadcasting. It is an essential service here in rural Alaska that many people depend on all over the YK Delta. Thank you.

Doniece Gott

From: Diana Redwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Full support for public media funding in budget

Good morning,

I want to write to say that I support full public media funding in the budget. I think recent events demonstrate how critical it is to have local information and public media in our state. Please support this.

Thank you,
Diana

Doniece Gott

From: Francis Mauer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public radio and satellite communications

Dear Finance Committee,

Public radio and satellite communication funding are essential to our State and its citizens, especially during the current virus pandemic as well as during more "normal" times. The value of timely, accurate information provided by public radio for Alaskans cannot be over-emphasized. Through presentation of Alaska specific news events, weather reports, community activities and so much more, public radio is what connects us as a people. I can not imagine life in Alaska without this service.

I strongly urge that funding of public radio and satellite communications is preserved in the budget, and that the current levels should be increased to assure that this service to all Alaskans continues and improves.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Francis Mauer

791 Redpoll Ln

Fairbanks, AK 99712

Doniece Gott

From: BILLIE HAAN <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media funding

Hello,

I am urging that the funding for Alaska Public Media be given in order to keep this amazing communication tool going in Alaska! During times like these it is more important than ever that we have APM to get information out and to feel connected to other Alaskans. The service APM provides for our state is invaluable! Please help them to continue and I will keep doing my part each month donating too.

Thank you very much for all your hard work during this time.

Billie Haan
Palmer, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Brian Berube <~~brian.berube@senate.mt.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee

We need public radio now more than ever. With all the covid19 rumors that circulate online we look to our public radio institution for factual information. Please increase the funds over the next year for all our sake.

Doniece Gott

From: ~~Doniece Gott~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media support

Public media is essential to life in Alaska. Please reconsider the proposed budget and raise the monies to an acceptable level. The recent time spent on information about the current pandemic should be evidence enough to show its importance.

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Cindy Lelake <lelakecindy88@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Robust support for Alaska Public Media

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

Briefly and to the point:

Public broadcasting is and will be a literal lifeline in our current crisis. Please support it in our current budget process!

Respectfully,

Cindy Lelake
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Deborah Carver <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

Dear Committee Members,

We support public radio. Please do not cut funding for this important communication source for Alaskans.

Deborah and Gary Carver

Kodiak

Doniece Gott

From: Nancy Tileston <nancyt@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public broadcasting and satellite communication

Good morning,

I urge you to fully fund public broadcasting and communication infrastructure. Public broadcasting is essential in delivering thoughtful programming and news. Their role in providing clear and balanced information is especially evident as we deal with current conditions. Their role is no less important at other times.

Thank you,

Nancy Tileston
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Anchorage AK 99503
nancyt@gci.net
907 301-1337

Doniece Gott

From: Nancy Deschu <n.deschu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio is Essential for Us

We Alaskan have relied on public radio for decades and now we need public radio especially as we face this crisis and are isolated at home looking for information.

. It is one radio station we can trust we will hear national and state and local updates uninterrupted or curtailed by commercials.

Please fund Alaska public radio so they can do a service for all of us during this frightening time.

Nancy Deschu

Doniece Gott

From: linda whitney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FUND PUBLIC MEDIA

Public Media is critical in the situation we now find ourselves - updates on Public Health emergency measures, closures and cancellations of community events, as well as available resources. I am a retired Senior living alone and depend on clear, straight forward information I can always depend on from Public Media. The TRUTH about the **local** situation, whether it be an earthquake, a weather disaster, or a public health crisis. This can be LIFE or DEATH to me. Please, please fund public media to the maximum extent. This is no time to have public panic driven by all the regular conflicting stories, opinions, and blather from regular outlets. FUND PUBLIC MEDIA.

Thank you,
Linda Whitney

Doniece Gott

From: Michael Daigneault <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Radio and Satellite Communication

Your committee is holding a hearing on the budget and currently there is \$1 million proposed for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications. I support these minimum funding levels and would also support an increase.

Public radio provides a significant community service, such as providing local news and health and safety messaging.

Personally, I appreciate public media stations providing accurate information and keeping me up-to-date about issues in my community, the State, the Country, and around the world.

Thank you,
Michael Daigneault

Doniece Gott

From: Geoff Carroll <[REDACTED]@gmsil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SenateFinance Committee Hearing on funding for public radio

Please include this in today's hearing.

Senate Finance Committee Hearing on funding for public radio

Hello, my name is Geoff Carroll. I am a member of the KBRW Board of Directors and a resident of Utqiagvik.

KBRW provides a vital broadcast service to Utqiagvik and the 7 villages that surround it. It is a very important source for local, state, and national news. It is crucial for broadcasting local cultural events and important meetings that take place on the North Slope.

KBRW is a very important source for weather information. The National Weather Service office in Barrow recently shut down and KBRW is the only reliable local source. We just experienced a very serious blizzard. KBRW was able to warn our listeners across the entire North Slope that it was coming, and provided regular updates of weather conditions, road closures, business and office closures during the storm. Without this good information the storm could have been deadly.

The loss of state funding for Public Broadcasting plus the loss of matching federal funding results in a total loss to KBRW of approximately \$90,000 in lost revenue. Fortunately, we have a very loyal listener base, and their donations are very helpful, but we have a very difficult time making ends meet.

We have cut non-essential programming. We have a minimal crew, with each employee covering two or more jobs. We have sacrificed needed maintenance, repair and replacement in our equipment and facilities in an effort to be able to continue to broadcast. We can survive a year or 2 of this but it is not sustainable.

Please approve the funding so this important radio station can continue to provide quality broadcasting.

--

Geoff Carroll
PO Box 1012
7770 Yugit St
Barrow, AK 99723

907-852-5320 home
907-830-9480 cell

Doniece Gott

From: Jackie Cason <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund Public Media

I am writing to support legislative budgeting of \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications. If anything, I would like to see that funding increase.

It is the local programming I value most, like Hometown Alaska or Line One Your Health Connection, and other story programs like Arctic Entries. Local programming would never be replaced by for-profit news media. We would have more generic options. Radio binds our state together across a vast geography, and I urge you fund public media in this year's budget.

As an educator who encourages students to develop their writing capacities because citizens can often solve problems on their own without the help of government, I rely on public communications not only for educational programming around local issues but as evidence of a vital partnership between public and private infrastructure.

Please support this vital institution.

Sincerely,
Jackie Cason
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Joe Beaty ~~joe.heaty@alaska.com~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Public Radio and Satellite Communications

Dear Members of the Alaska Senate Finance committee,

We are in a very troubling period in history and the burden on our committee only deepens with each passing day. Not going to list the numerous problems I know you are facing. I do understand the difficult job you have and the many challenges the State of Alaska currently faces fiscally.

Some services I personally consider absolutely vital to all Alaskans, two of which are Public Radio broadcasting and the satellite communications necessary to broadcast throughout the State. Currently there is \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications being considered by your committee. These Public media stations right now are providing up to date coverage of the pandemic the world now faces at the Local, State, and National level. These station share ACCURATE information about the public health emergency, about resources that are available in your community and in the State of Alaska, as well as up to date info on what has been canceled or rescheduled. With so many people staying home local public radio is the ideal source of accurate news and information available over the air or online.

Please consider the proposed budget for Public Radio and satellite communications before you. I have been a longtime supporter of public radio and will continue to do what I can to keep that media alive. Please consider how importance these stations are to ALL Alaskans and do your part by assisting in the funding of these two important resources.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Beaty
jbeaty@gci.net
(907) 250-0627 cell

Doniece Gott

From: Patrick Hoogerhyde <phoogerhyde@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Financial Support

In these trying times it is so important to support unbiased news and public broadcasting. Be it local daily state news, international reports or goofy Alaskan hello's from around the state, I look forward to the comfort and straight no spin reporting. I grew up on rural Alaska and remember the only radio broadcasting being KDLG out of Dillingham. Please understand that there is still spot for Public Media programing, I'm a proud monthly financial supporter and need my home state to be as well.

Thank you for your civic service!

Patrick Hoogerhyde
907 440-9400

Doniece Gott

From: John Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget

I support your allocation for public media and satellite communications. I get a text news briefing from public radio and find that articles there are often ahead of the big newspaper or the TV outlets.

I have lived some in the Bush and know first hand how important public media is there. Thank you for your support of public media. John Jensen Anchorage 99516.

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Glenn Cravez <cravezlawmediation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I support funding for Alaska Public Media

I know these are difficult times, including for budgeting. The public health emergency we are experiencing right now underscores the need for Alaska Public Media, and its statewide reach. Alaska Public Media is a critical source of information. My wife and I are monthly donors. My office is an underwriter. The State budget needs to contribute to this important information resource too. Thank you for your consideration.

Glenn Cravez.

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Doniece Gott

From: Joan Diamond <joan14@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding public media

To the Finance committee,

If you believe that having the facts is important for all Alaskans especially now with the Covid19 virus spreading to so many off road towns and villages then full funding of public radio plus more \$\$ is mandatory. We do not have the transportation or communication systems to alert or transport all people in need and the public media can help close up the gap. This Virus emergency demonstrates how public media is a priority in funding.

Thank you,
Joan Diamond
Anchorage, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

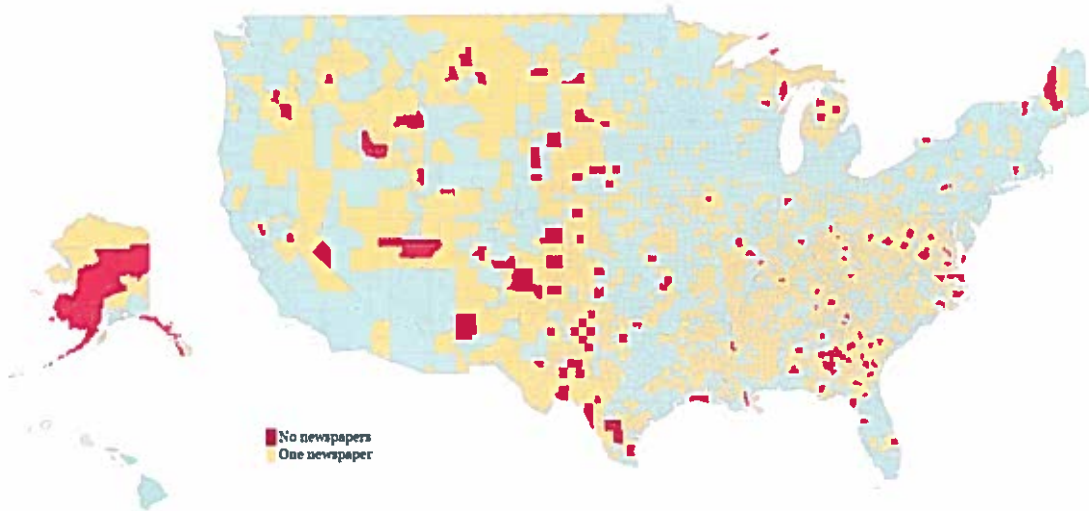
Doniece Gott

From: Jenny Fremlin <jwfremlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting Funding

Members of the Finance Committee,

Local public media are the heart of our communities, providing critical information for daily life right now including local news, health and safety messages, updates about resources that are available in communities and Alaska, and a space for public connection. They also preserve our culture and educate, engage, and empower Alaskans. I am a KTOO board member and fully support the \$1 million in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications because of the benefits they bring to our state. Right now the coverage of the pandemic at the local, state, and national level is a CRITICAL service to Alaskans

Rural America has the least access to local news, and Alaska has the most news deserts of all the states.



Source: UNC School of Media and Journalism's Center for Innovation and Sustainability in Local Media

I also ask the Finance Committee to restore funding for public television. During this unprecedented time, KTOO's Gavel Alaska is airing all of the Governor's and Legislature's COVID-19 briefings. Public television throughout the state also offers a safe place for children, and PBS has an enormous capacity to step in and help with the education of the nation's children while schools are shut down.

By funding Alaska's public media, you are helping local news reach more communities in the state where newspapers are not an option. A 2019 Nieman Lab study found that loss of local news leads to political polarization, "making governing more difficult both locally and nationally." We need our local public media to reflect the voices, concerns, and stories of Alaskans. Our local public media build our sense of place and belonging, strengthening our state and its democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the restoration of funding for public broadcasting.

Sincerely,
Jenny Fremlin, PhD

Doniece Gott

From: Donna Martin <[REDACTED]@home.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support our Public Media

I live in a small town in Alaska, and I depend on KBBJ public radio for local news and emergency announcements. I depend on our public television station for nation news and quality programs. These stations are even more important now that we are having to "shelter in place" at home. Please pass funding to the maximum amount possible.

Donna Martin

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

Doniece Gott

From: Dirk And Lisa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund public broadcasting!!!

Hello,
Please fully fund Alaska Public Broadcasting. The services public broadcasting provide are vital at all times and especially during critical situations like we are in right now due to COVID 19. Last years earthquake was another example of how necessary public broadcasting is to keep Alaskans informed. We need public broadcasting- fund it!!!
Thank you, Lisa Sparrow

Sent while shopping for fabulous vintage

Doniece Gott

From: Mike Shults ~~shults52@alaska.net~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio funding

My name is Mike Shults, I live on the north slope of Alaska. Our public radio station, KBRW On Air, is it essential in keeping communications open across the slope. Our cell phone service and Internet providers are marginal at best. Public radio is the only way to get messages across the slope to our loved ones in the smaller villages. It is the only way to get news from one end of the slope to the other. Our community does what it can to provide resources but it's a daunting task. All of our north slope businesses are involved with finding the radio but it's still not enough. Thank you,
Mike Shults

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Luann McVey <~~luannmvey@alaska.net~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: State Operating and Capital Budgets

Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am a retired Alaskan teacher, urging you to fund the public services Alaskans need, in order to keep our state vital and productive. My priorities include regular service to the coastal communities served by the Marine Highway System, which is identical in function to the roads the state values and maintains in the southcentral and northern parts of our state. In addition, I urge you to preserve funding to assist with the Pioneer Homes and elder programs, as well as public safety, VPSOs, and Medicaid funds for those who need them for health care.

Our public schools and universities feed the future of our state. We must ensure they are adequately funded and supported. Specifically, I urge you to maintain funding for our public schools and Pre-K programs. Teachers can't do a good job in oversized classes and adequate funding ensures reasonable Pupil-Teacher Ratios essential for quality instruction. Please reinstate funding for school bond debt reimbursement - and be sure to set aside funds to maintain our schools.

To increase our revenue streams, please support legislation such as the Fair Share tax on the oil companies, a personal income tax, and a PFD cap of \$1,000 or less.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Luann McVey

Doniece Gott

From: Beverly Lewanski <~~b.lewanski@hotmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund public radio

Hello,

I'm a 35 year resident of Alaska. I choose not to have a television. I rely on my local public radio stations, KSKA and KNBA. At this point I give \$360 per year to fund public radio as a listener.

Public radio is a reliable and "truth-based" source of local and national information. It's a critical life-line of information and entertainment especially during this covid-19 crisis. In addition it seems like one way to provide "equal" distribution of our valuable monetary resources for all of Alaska!

Please fund public radio!

Sincerely,

Bev Lewanski

Sent from Outlook

Doniece Gott

From: Tamara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: support funding for public radio

Dear Finance Committee,

As a long-time resident and owner of a small business in Alaska that provides work to local people, I am writing to you in support of increased funding for public radio and satellite communications. I rely on information about my community, state, nation, and world from public radio, both for myself and my business. Now more than ever with this pandemic, we need to stay connected and informed.

My business is modest, but I make sure to set aside funds every year to support local causes, including public radio, and ask that you ensure the state continues to do the same.

thank you,
Tamara McGuire
Aqua Wildlife Research

Doniece Gott

From: GCI kth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio & TV

Please fund public radio and tv to the fullest extent possible. Now more than ever we need the information and diligence they deliver!

thank you.

katie hickey
anchorage, ak

Doniece Gott

From: Joyce Laine <jlaine@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public tv and radio

Please vote to support and retain these invaluable media communication treasures for all Alaskans. We desperately need the ongoing news/entertainment/enriching programming they provide. They are not 'electives,' but 'requirements!'

If possible, increase the amount of \$ support for these vital services. Thank you. Joyce Laine, Alaskan and daily user of both KAKM and KSKA!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Douglas White <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

Dear Finance Committee,

Now more than ever we depend on Alaska Public Media to deliver accurate, non-biased reporting to ensure that people are well-informed on matters that matter most. While i am home under self-imposed quarantine, I am reliant on 91.1 in Anchorage to keep up on how to keep me and my family safe during this health crisis. The live 2 hour broadcast of Mayor Berkowitz, his staff and local experts was critical information to help in understanding our local concerns and directions.

During the earthquake as well, we were reliant on 91.1 to keep up to date on the health and well-being of our community. Particularly for me, as i was running a non-profit at the time, and i was sheltered in-place at home, I needed the information I was receiving from 91.1 to make sound decisions for our agency.

I urge you to keep whole, by fully funding, Alaska Public Media as trustworthy, non-biased reporting is the very foundation of our democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Doug White & Joanne Thomas
Anchorage, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Simon Lisiecki <simon.lisiecki@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media Funding

To whom it may concern,
I urge you to fully fund our APM, indeed increase the funding, in these times of a pandemic!
To receive trustworthy and reliable information is of utter importance, to protect and reassure us and help when so many people are at home!
Please, do the right thing!
Thank you,



Simon Lisiecki

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phone: (907) 222 4874
mobile: (907) 444 2696

Doniece Gott

From: Debbie Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting

Dear Finance Committee members,

I am writing to encourage you to vote to pass the proposed \$1 million for public radio. I think that we all can see the value of having access to information that is non commercially funded during this time of the COVID 19 spread. Public radio reaches across the state with reports from the government minus any conspiracy type commentary that is often interjected on private radio stations. Please fully fund public radio and the satellite communications needed. I am a sustaining member of my local radio station KBBI as well as AK Public Media channel 7 so I am "putting my money where my mouth is". Please keep our public radio and tv stations strong. Thank you.

Deborah Smith 41589 Spruce Knoll St.

Homer, AK 99603

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: mel strydom <mel@alaska@email.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Radio

I am writing you encourage your support of public radio in the current budget. I urge you to increase the amount to \$1.5mm. All these radio stations provide an invaluable service to their communities, especially during times of stress such as the one we are currently enduring. Thank you for all your service to Alaska.

Sincerely, Melvyn Strydom (Homer)

Doniece Gott

From: Ellen Cordes <ellen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media funding

I urge the Committee to support and pass funding for public media as proposed. It is important that the general public has a source for independent and accurate news and information without the distraction of political and commercial distraction and distortion.

Ellen Cordes
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Karen Ouellette <~~kouellet@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and TV

Currently there is \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications. I support this very much. We need to keep this for Alaskans to get good local information.

thank you,
Karen Ouellette

Doniece Gott

From: Chris Kent 
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Support

As a dedicated listener of Public Radio and TV, I encourage you to support funding of this essential service for the public. When national and local events happen, I turn to Public Radio as a reliable and accurate source. Public radio serves large and small communities. Here in Girdwood, we have a local repeater that facilitates over the air real-time news and information. Like many small communities, we would suffer with the loss of this vital service that provides information and awareness in what is happening in the State and World around us. Thank you for considering my comments.

Chris Kent

P.O. Box 1032

Girdwood, AK 99587

907-441-4307

Doniece Gott

From: Jody Reausaw <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funds for Public Media

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to fund public media to the fullest extent possible. The service it provides in normal times is exceptional. The information it provides to all is both fact based and reliable.

In these times, public media is a necessity. Keep it strong!

Jody Reausaw

Doniece Gott

From: Patricia OBrien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please continue to support the PBS media request

During this time of a public health crisis, I count on PBS Radio and TV for the best coverage. I encourage to fund PBS at the rate you have been providing support or to increase it, as you deem appropriate.

Thank you for your service in this difficult hour.

Pat O'Brien

Doniece Gott

From: Marcia <~~marcia.colson@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Alaska Public Media

I would like to voice my support for Alaska Public Media and ask that you maintain or, better, increase the amount you have proposed for public radio and satellite communications. This is a critical news source for all Alaskans. I listen to it and read it every day.

Marcia Colson
22124 Davidson Drive
Chugiak, AK. 99567

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: John Ford <~~JohnFord@olgoonik.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio and TV

Fund it.

More than \$2 million should be the absolute minimum amount.

Thanks

John Ford
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Doniece Gott

From: Grace <~~grace.snider@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee

This is a vital need for all Alaskan communities. KTNA Talkeetna, for example, has saved my life at least once; supported my creativity; and served as a lifeline for some of the Upper Susitna Valley. It is imperative that these communications be maintained. If that is not apparent now, I believe y'all perhaps have lost your social consciousness and just gone political, and that saddens me.

Grace K Snider

Doniece Gott

From: Glenn Olson glenn@glennolson.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

I fully support funding for public broadcasting.

It is way past time for you to institute an income tax, stop the give always to oil companies and increase their taxes, mining, fish processing and timber taxes need to be raised.

An increase in gasoline taxes is appropriate.

I don't know about you, but I am sick and tired of driving on dangerous and rutted roads. Why not tax the cost of studded tires to cover the cost of repairs?

Glenn Olson

6771 Lauden Circle

Anchorage, AK 99502

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Doniece Gott

From: John W Blaine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and Satellite Communications Funding

This time, this critical moment for Alaska, has clarified the need for public radio.

Please consider increasing funding for public radio and satellite communications if at all possible. This is certainly a critical budget item for the health and well-being of Alaskans.

Thank you for continuing your work when I know you would rather be at home with loved ones.

John Blaine
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Anchorage, AK. 99517-1145



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Thank you for taking public testimony on HB205 and SB154. My name is **Lucy Nelson, Mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough.**

The Northwest Arctic Borough, a home rule municipal government, provides essential programs and services to improve the quality of life for all residents in our borough. The population currently is 7,700. The NWAB is scattered across an area of 38,000 square miles serving 11 communities in the Northwest Arctic. There are no road systems that connect any of our communities. Travel occurs by air, snow machine in the winter or by boat in the summer. Ten of our 11 villages are economically distressed. State cuts to the programs and services I speak about today, will have a significant impact on our residents if you shift the cost to municipal local governments like the Borough and every municipality at the village level. Some municipalities are left vulnerable when State budget cuts happen and cannot increase city sales tax or utility rates where it is unaffordable.

Public Safety-VPSO, Rural Alaska has massive issues with public safety and law enforcement in some of its most remote communities. The State has a two-tiered law enforcement system one that is on the road system where ample quantities of municipal police are available and the other in smaller communities where law enforcement is scant to nonexistent and can only be reachable by air, boat or snow machine. Although troopers do good work, they can't be considered an effective law enforcement presence in communities where they are not physically present living in the community. The State's primary duty is to provide for public safety; if it cannot succeed in that service, villages suffer. They worry for their children, their mothers, fathers and their elders in their community. Is it too much to ask that all Alaskans be kept safe, no matter where they live? Please restore our 2018 State VPSO funding levels so that we can provide a presence in our communities at least to a sub-regional level.

School Bond Debt Reimbursement-The NWAB 2020 budget was significantly impacted because we had to absorb the additional \$2m dollars in debt by down-sizing and cutting back on programs and services. For those boroughs who were expecting reimbursement, like our borough we are having to shift general fund monies from projects and programs that are critical to providing emergency and public services, downsize operations and local contributions to projects and programs. For the NWAB, there is no ability to avoid the additional debt. This Borough cannot implement new taxes due to our communities who are economically distressed and current tax agreements that have already been settled.

Community Assistance Program (CAP). The NWAB receives \$300,000 of community assistance payments from the State that is shared with every municipality in the borough. The bottom line is if CAP funding is eliminated, so too would our local governments, and all the progress that we've made in basic services like water and sewer sanitation, fire and safety programs over 20 years would fade away.

SB154: Please consider the infrastructure and equipment asks for the Northwest Arctic Borough that were uploaded to CAPSIS. They are for public safety and emergency related service needs and are critical for the health, safety and housing for those programs and our residents.

Ambler [Ivisaappaat](#), Buckland [Nunatchiaq](#), Deering [Ipnatchiaq](#), Kiana [Katyaak](#), Kivalina [Kivaliniq](#), Kobuk [Laugviik](#), Kotzebue [Qikiqtaruk](#), Noatak [Nautaaq](#), Noorvik [Nuurvik](#), Selawik [Akuligaq](#), Shungnak [Isinnaq](#)

Doniece Gott

From: Rosa Meehan <~~rosameehan@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

Greetings -

In the interest of "social distancing" I am providing my comments on the budget item for public media. As this current health crisis has so dramatically demonstrated, we all need (state-wide) access to accurate and unbiased information. AK Public Media has consistently provide this type of critical information and also forums for citizen engagement in information forums. No other information source provides the geographic scope of coverage and access to information sources that public media provides. I incredibly strongly urge you to fully fund this activity.

Rosa Meehan
Anchorage, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: David Powers <dpowers@akserigraphics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: In support of public radio

Hello,

I am a 40 year resident of Alaska and public radio is an essential part of my daily routine. Please increase funding if possible to public radio as it plays a key part in the education and dissemination of information to all communities in the state.

David Powers
Alaska Serigraphics
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Doniece Gott

From: Dave Branding ~~dave@jamhi.org~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: public testimony
Attachments: Branding Senate Finance Committee Testimony SB154.pdf

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity provide public testimony in support of SB154 including increased funding to substance use disorder treatment and behavioral health services. Attached is copy of that testimony. Please let me know however I can be helpful in your endeavors to ensure Alaskan's live their own best lives.

Thank you very much.

Dave Branding
CEO, JAMHI Health & Wellness, Inc.

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Senate Finance Committee Public Testimony
March 18, 2020

Good morning Co-Chairs Senators Stedman and von Imhof and members of the Senate Finance Committee.

My name is Dave Branding and I'm CEO at JAMHI Health & Wellness; I also serve as treasurer for the Alaska Behavioral Health Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public testimony in support of the FY21 Capital Budget (SB 154) and thank you for your leadership in response to COVID-19.

JAMHI Health & Wellness was incorporated in 1985 as Juneau Alliance for the Mentally Ill and since then and in response to community need has grown to become a comprehensive provider of integrated specialty behavioral health (that's mental health and substance use disorder treatment) and primary (physical health care) services to adults with mental illness and anyone who needs affordable, accessible healthcare. Our board of nine community members and workforce of 60 staff pursue a mission of helping people live their own best lives. JAMHI served over 1400 people in Juneau and surrounding communities in 2019; all provided on a sliding-fee scale and we are on-track to do that again in FY20.

As you know FY21 may pose the most significant combination of challenging public health needs and financial constraints ever and JAMHI Health & Wellness is poised to partner with the state and others throughout the community to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors are living as healthy a life, both mentally and physically, as possible. Our partner organizations across Juneau and throughout Alaska are likewise prepared and actively preparing for the challenge.

SB154 is a significant contributor to our mission as well as to our collective interests as Alaskans and I urge your support of FY21 capital funding including **increased capital funding for substance abuse and behavioral health treatment** as presented in SB154.

Thank you very much for your consideration and all you do for Alaska.

Doniece Gott

From: carolyn tag <ctague@alaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; carolyn tag
Subject: TODAY'S TESTIMONY: support supplemental budget legislation

Importance: High

Committee members,

I am writing to request that you support supplemental budget legislation to ensure all of Alaska's Public Radio and TV stations receive funding.

This funding is crucial in the state of Alaska. Public Radio and TV stations keep us informed and connected. These outlets perform important functions:

- *Distribute important news and cultural content like National Native News, Native America Calling and Indigefi.

- *Create a virtual statewide early learning classroom featuring high-quality educational television content, such as Molly of Denali, In My Family, Sesame Street, and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood.

- *Connect, inform, and encourage all Alaskans to engage in civil conversations and participate in the unique civic and cultural activities of our great state.

- *Provide culturally relevant news/talk and entertainment programming to underserved Alaska Natives, which helps connect underserved rural communities by sharing a variety of programming that keeps them connected, engaged, and informed.

- *Allow public Radio and TV stations to replace aging broadcast equipment while securing the only statewide communications infrastructure that provides potentially life-saving EAS and AWARN alerts, news, and information.

This is an urgent matter. Many residents throughout Alaska support this funding.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Tague
Anchorage

Sent from Outlook

Doniece Gott

From: Barbara Sell <barbarsell@alaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

As a registered "Super Voter" in Anchorage AK, I whole heartedly support state \$ for Public Media.

I appreciate the balanced news that I receive from this source.

During the earthquake in 2018, my husband and I were traveling. The only information we received was from the link set up between KAKM and the Juneau Public Media.

Please support this important mode of communication!

Barbara E. Sell
14550 Joanne Cir.
Anchorage 99516 (Phyiscal Address - Not for Mail)

Doniece Gott

From: Martha Jokela mjokela@alaska.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding public media

I am a retired teacher, a super voter, and a donor to public TV and radio. I urge you to sustain the funding to keep this balanced news source available to all Alaskans.

Martha Jokela
2225 Radiant Cir
Anchorage, AK 99501

Sow some seeds!

Doniece Gott

From: Andrew Hawk ~~ap@andrewhawk.net~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: NPR

Finance committee members,

I rely on public radio for a large part of my daily news and information, I find the reporting to be thoughtful, investigative and timely.... I urge you to continue funding this important source of programming.

Thank you,

Andy Hawk

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Anchorage, Ak. 99507

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Doniece Gott

From: Galen Flint <galen.flint@jgma.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budge fully, public media stations

Please budget Public Radio for the entire amount requested. Now, more than ever, we need the services provided by public media stations. Our world has changed and we need prompt accurate coverage of the the pandemic at the local, state and national levels. I listen to KSKA every morning, especially now that I need to know how my life will be changing due to COVID-19. In addition public media offers healthy entertainment. Wish so many of us staying at home the public media stations are a life line to accurate news.

I encourage you to fully budget the Public Media stations.

Thank you,

Galen

Doniece Gott

From: Cindy Shults shults@kbrw.org
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please hear our desperation....
Attachments: Cindy's Signature.jpg

Importance: High

The number we were provided to call in is stating that it cannot be reached from our calling area, so I am sending this email to the committee.

The money that KBRW radio station lost because of the state budget cuts was devastating. KBRW station runs on a bare bones staff and we are working more than one job in order to keep us on the airwaves. We also have cut non-essential programming. We provide our own needed maintenance and do any and all repairs to our equipment and building. This is not something that we can keep up forever.

This station provides a vital service to the whole North Slope. We have life-threatening weather, which happens often. The National Weather Service pulled out of Barrow and went to automated forecasts. We provide up-to-date weather information to those in the bush, Prudhoe and locally. We just recently had severe weather, white out conditions, but we were able to keep our community informed throughout the storm with road closures, and condition updates.

We feel a great responsibility toward the North Slope Community and our listeners. Local entities and businesses and community members and long distance listeners have financially supported this station and other public radio stations for years. They stepped up when we lost the state funding, but it still was not enough. When we lost funding from the state, we also lost funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The "trickle-down theory" in this case, is not a positive one.

We are working with the North Slope Borough school district to provide on-air schooling during the COVID-19 outbreak and also distance learning classroom for older students.

This radio station is VITAL to the North Slope and I beg you to throw us a bone. We are doing everything in our power to help ourselves, to raise money, to cut back on everything aspect of our operations. But we still need some assistance from the state.

Sincerely and with great respect for the tough job you have to do.....

Cindy Shults
907-354-3414

Doniece Gott


From: Roman Dial [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

Legislative Aids:

Please put me in the "support Public Media with state funds" category. It's the best source of information we have.

Roman Dial

Doniece Gott

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Funding

With this current situation, so many people are staying home and we are here in Delta a more rural area. Local public radio is and has been the ideal source of accurate news and information available over the air or online. This validates the need for local news and health and safety messaging. Right now the coverage of the pandemic at the local, state and national level is critical service to Alaskans. Public media stations are busy sharing accurate information about the public health emergency, about resources that are available in your community and in the State of Alaska, as well as up to date info on what has been canceled or rescheduled. This funding is vital to our State. **DO NOT LEAVE US HOME ALONE!**

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907-322-4644



Doniece Gott

From: cathyh <~~cathyh@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Budget

I support the proposed budget for Alaska public radio and media, and recommend increasing the amount as needed. Alaska public media is a critical resource for reliable, accurate news and information, especially now during these unprecedented times. I consider Alaska public media an essential service. Please continue to support and fund this vital resource for all Alaskans.

Cathy Hammond
Eagle River, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Sue Ann Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting support

Please fund Public Broadcasting for Alaska in full or more. This is an important company which provides educational tools for everyone, young and old.

This is very much needed in our state in all residential areas from North to South, East to West. Many remote areas in particular benefit.

Respectfully,

Sue Ann Johnson
2501 Winter Ridge CT
Anchorage AK 99507

lan line 907-569-0525

Doniece Gott

From: Susan McLane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Broadcasting

I have been a strong supporter of Public Broadcasting (radio and TV) since moving to Alaska in 1987 and continue my support. The public service it provides especially to rural communities is incalculable. The information it provides to all Alaskans is easily demonstrable in this pandemic health crisis. In happier times the other news, public information, safety information and entertainment is essential in this age where truth is not consistently found elsewhere.

The amount of money involved is a pittance in the grand budget of Alaska and the service is essential to the citizens of the state. Please support full funding for Public Broadcasting in the current budget.

Thank you for your time,

Hal Smith MD
PO Box 869
Homer, AK 99603
9072990327

Doniece Gott

From: Paul Wilkins <paulwilkins@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Public Media

Hello,

I am in support of the proposed \$1 million in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

I live and work in Anchorage for an Alaska-regional non-profit. I rely on a vibrant public media system because it relays to me the accurate, important information that I need about the state. I have lived remotely and understood the value of Public Radio when internet connections and over the air tv connections were spotty. Even now in Anchorage I can only access some private stations. Especially in these times of crisis, people in the state need a reliable, universal source of news, and for me Alaska Public Media has a proven track record in this regard.

I also know that many of my company's constituents, friends of mine, who live off the road system in places only accessible by plane or boat for many parts of the year, rely on Alaska Public Media as well.

Please fully fund this vibrant and necessary resource! Thank you,

-Paul Wilkins
South Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Jill Warner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

Please fully fund Alaska Public Media. In this time of uncertainty, we need accurate information. The recent broadcast by Public Media describing Anchorage's planned pandemic response was invaluable. That type of programming is only available through public media.

Jill Warner

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Allen Cornelison <allencornelison@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio budgeting

Hello;

I understand that there is Currently there is \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

I am writing to voice my opinion that this budget should be increased and passed.

I gain 75% of my news on current events, world and national issues and response from these resources.

Thank you

Doniece Gott

From: J. Gwen Kennedy Ph. D. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

I am self-isolating, not because I believe I personally I am at risk but because I believe in supporting the healthcare system. I know how to respond as a responsible citizen in part because I am listening to public radio and watched Anchorage Mayor Berkowitz, hospital officials and other emergency responders provide our community guidance and an explanation for the severity of the government's actions. I also now know by listening to national experts on the KSKA that the COVID-19 is 20 times more powerful than any flu we have experienced.

This calls me to a leadership and civic responsibility to let all within "my community" know what I know and to respond to this public health crisis appropriately.

Please, make sure all of Alaskans have access to this important and trusted source of information in this time of crisis. It is access to our local and trusted news sources that is most critical. We will overcome this crisis, living informed and connected.

I implore you to approve funding of \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Respectfully,

Jessie (Gwen) Kennedy
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