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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts, especially in this time of difficult financial circumstances and hard decisions facing the legislature.

I rely on public radio in Sitka for news coverage and emergency alerts. The proposed 100% cut to public broadcasting will cause a loss of essential daily coverage for news locally, regionally, and statewide, a loss of essential capacity to transmit emergency and public safety information, layoffs for public broadcasting staff who provide these services, as well as the sense of community health and vitality created by public media.

This cut will jeopardize federal operating grants and federal matching dollars coming into Alaska. Commercial broadcasters will not replace the services we are losing. KCAW already maximizes listener membership revenue. State funding is critical to maintain vital news and emergency services.

Do you support the 100% cut?

Please consider a smaller percentage cut for public broadcasting.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kenley Jackson  
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