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Alaska State Legislatures

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Public Testimony

Chevak is located in the western part of Alaska, and has a population up to 1000 people. Chevak provides a local KCUK 88.1 FM radio station and is license to the Kashunamuit School District Board of Directors which is a big impact in the village and surrounding villages within the coverage area. KCUK radio station can also be aired online. Closer communities like Hooper Bay can listen to the radio station on daily basis.

KCUK radio station are essential to indigenous people in Chevak and the surrounding villages because they broadcast in Yup'ik/Cup'ik languages, often providing the only means of access to important information about health, public safety, education, weather and current events. They also provide live talk shows that focus on our way of life, live broadcast of high school basketball games, community meeting, workshops, and conference. KCUK radio station is not only broadcasted in English but is also in Yup'ik/Cup'ik languages. Provides daily Yup'ik/Cup'ik languages and cultural stories from our Elders and Youth. Provides radio services to undeserved communities and families that are in fish camp. It connects communities together through the programs that are aired daily.

On behalf of our community of Chevak and surrounding villages we are very thankful for your hard work for your constituents and for our communities you represent. We are asking the state legislatures to continue funding for Alaska Public Broadcasting.

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Sincerely,

Richard Tuluk
Mayor

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