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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Funding for public radio
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I am writing to ask that consideration be given for funding public radio, and to avoid the proposed 100% cut of this item from the budget.

A complete cut will lead to dismantling a working system; it will not be sitting there waiting for funding to be restored, it will be gone!

Small communities in our state do not connect to each other by roads. The great distances and rugged terrain of Alaska lead to isolation, lack of consensus, loss of common purpose. Public broadcasting helps knit us together and fosters understanding of issues. It provides a means of messaging those in remote locations. It affords an emergency notification system for times of crisis.

This is not a luxury, it is a very utilitarian system to engage and coordinate the public.

Please think carefully about the wide reach of these dollars and what the lack of this network will mean for rural Alaskans. Some level of funding to maintain these facilities should be a high priority.

Sincerely,
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