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Honorable members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for serving in the Senate.

We would like to request that while working on the state operating budget you especially not cut the portion for public media. As you well know, communications are very important to keep your constituents and others in this great state well informed of what is happening politically, economically, and socially. A 100 percent cut to that section of the budget would cause our local public station, KCAW (also well-known across the country as Raven Radio), to not be able to maintain translators in Elfin Cove, Port Alexander, Pelican, Tenakee Springs, Yakutat and Angoon. That means that, besides the above-mentioned information, the emergency alert system would not be available to these communities from one end of Southeast to the other. This would be devastating and life-threatening should a tsunami or other disaster occur, very real possibilities considering all the shifting Earth is making these days and in particular since Southeast Alaska is situated on a fault line.

KCAW runs on a bare bones budget already and works hard to be able to raise \$150,000 in local memberships and could not make up for the large hole a 100 percent budget cut would create.

Thank you for your time and help keep the state healthy  
and competitive through public media funding.

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