From: <u>Eileen Arnold</u>

To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Opposing the 100% cut to public broadcasting and ARCS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern of the 100% cut to public broadcasting and ARCS and to declare that I, and the agency I represent is opposed to this cut. The Tundra Women's Coalition is an 24-hour emergency domestic violence and sexual assault shelter and we partner significantly with KYUK, our local radio station, which would be detrimentally impacted if these cuts remain in place. KYUK reaches across the entire Y-K Delta and would have to significantly reduce their staff and services if this cut remains in place. TWC does a significant portion of our outreach and messaging through KYUK and this is one of the main reasons people in remote villages even know about our services. KYUK helps us spread this sometimes life-saving information about our agency. More importantly, KYUK helps TWC do prevention work in the delta, including working with our youth group to create videos that model healthy relationships, which can stop violence before it starts. If KYUK's funds are cut like this I have no doubt that their staff will reduce to a size that can't handle these essential projects anymore. So I urge the committee to consider this before you make your decision.

Best Regards,

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