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Subject: Public Broadcast Funding Critical to my Town
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Esteemed member of our Senate,

I appreciate that you have very hard choices in front of you at this time but I am extremely concerned about

the funding cuts proposed for radio and tv. In Haines, where I live, KHNS is the only local voice for emergencies, weather and road conditions, school closures, and local announcements to residents who live in the most rural conditions here.

We are quite literally a lifeline to many of our listeners.

We are also part of the small but essential economy of the towns we serve. KHNS staff are dedicated, working long hours for less than standard wages but when the checks come in, they are spent here on mortgages, food, utilities, schools etc.

Our business organization supports the other non-profit organizations who provide essential services on next to nothing budgets. The cuts that are proposed would have a serious trickle-down effect and cut much deeper than perhaps you intend.

The biggest cut of all is that if we are not able to show state support for our station, we will no longer be eligible for the federal grant we rely on. With a total community of 2500, Haines, Skagway and Klukwan depend on KHNS for safety, news and information, please take this into consideration in your deliberations.

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