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I recently learned that the last round of budget cuts included a 100% cut for public radio and television. The public radio station in Petersburg, KFSK, would also lose their federal matching funds if the state revokes all funding from them. The radio station in Petersburg is an important part of our community. They already make do with a bare bones budget and near-constant fundraising. Eliminating public media's budget entirely from the budget would eliminate this important public service from Petersburg.

The radio station staff been preparing for a cut, knowing that budget cuts are a reality given our fiscal situation, but a 100 percent cut is undue. Please return the line item for public media back to the recently proposed cut of around 20 percent. We will make due with less, but we cannot make do with nothing.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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