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Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing regarding my concern over the 100% proposed cut to public radio, TV and the state satellite system. Our public radio, KCAW in Sitka, will be seriously and permanently harmed due to the loss of almost \$140,000. They struggle annually to sustain the \$150,000 in local memberships. It is not realistic to double that goal to make up for the cut. I appreciate the difficult financial circumstance facing the legislature but it seems unreasonable to cut 100% funding. If that funding is eliminated, it will mean:

- All service, including Emergency Alert System would be eliminated in Yakutat, Tenakee Springs, Angoon, Pelican, Port Alexander and Elfin Cove, all along fault lines and at risk of Tsunamis
- No statewide broadcast news
- Overall local service reductions: health and safety information, broadcast of local government meetings, election coverage
- Local news reporting would plummet because of multiple staff cuts

Please consider the impact on our small community radio station and do what you can to prevent the proposed 100% cut. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Linda Olson