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Without a doubt this is a difficult time for Alaska. We will all need to come together to weather the looming crisis. However when I head that the Senate Finance Subcommittee has eliminated funding for all public media in Alaska I was extremely alarmed. While I have been concerned about many of the cuts being made, none has caused me more concern. In Petersburg, public radio is our daily news, marine weather forecast, tsunami warning and emergency broadcast source. It is an essential service in our community, as it probably is in communities across this great state. The proposed elimination funding would trigger the additional loss of our federal funding, which would mean that our local radio would disappear. If cuts must be made, I would encourage you to revert back to the original proposal for 20-25%. Please do not end public broadcasting in Alaska.

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