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Hello Senate Finance Committee:

Petersburg Public Radio KFSK proposed budget cut – Senate

We appreciate the task you have at hand with balancing the Budget. We know this is a tough time, and we know we will all feel the financial effects. We are in this together, and expect a cut.

However, to cut our Petersburg Public Radio station KFSK as proposed, would be the end of important communication we need in our small, communities. Our public radio is our only dependable life-line when it comes to our local news, local emergency broadcasting like tsunami warnings, extreme weather, road closures, etc. & health & public safety information. We want and need Alaska connection as well to be more informed of what is going on State-wide.

Our Alaska communication system was started by the State with community involvement/work and yes, financially as well. We cannot go backwards!

Bottom Line: We are willing to do our share but cannot meet our Mission with the proposed ZERO! We will bite the bullet and have more fund raisers, more bake sales! more volunteers! And can at least meet our Mission of continued Petersburg and central SE emergency communication. We hopefully can make it work with the 23% proposed by the House cut. Won't be easy but everyone throughout the State has to work together to get through this Crisis.....

Thank you for consideration and I am sure your decision to keep Public Radio functioning in our vast Great Land!

Respectfully,

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