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Dear Senators,

I have lived in Alaska for 40 years. I have witnessed the days without access to state and local news and public radio. Frankly, those WERE NOT the "good old days". I have also witnessed and as a citizen been affected by, previous tough financial decisions and times our state struggled through. It is impossible for me to think of cutting our only communication link, which is essentially what this action would do. The days of newspapers are limited, many senior citizens, as myself, don't have the capabilities, or don't have access to all the "virtual" news that many of the younger generation do. This bill would definitely target and eliminate my abilities to listen, learn, and understand all the news, issues, and information that is going on around me. Our society worries that we isolate the older generation, well this cut in funding would sure prove that a correct assumption.

Please do not cut funding for Public Radio.

Sincerely,  
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