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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
(Please Write Clearly and Legibly)

YOUR FULL NAME: Diane Marsh Circle one: Support Opposed

REPRESENTING (ORGANIZATION OR SELF): self

BILL #: HB 72 Subject: cut to broadcast radio

COMMITTEE NAME: _____ HEARING DATE: 3-30-15

Please do not cut the funding for our
radio stations KFSK. We need it. Some
of us this is our only way to get the
news & weather. NPR is better
than any T.V. station we get
for news, plus we get local
news. Please please do not
cut our funding!!

Thank you for submitting my written comments to the record.

Sincerely,
Diane Marsh

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YOUR FULL NAME: JOAN E. K. SEBASTIAN Circle one: Support Opposed

REPRESENTING (ORGANIZATION OR SELF): SELF

BILL #: HB 72 Subject: FINANCE CUT TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING

COMMITTEE NAME: SENATE FINANCE HEARING DATE: MARCH 30, 2013

AS A MEMBER OF THE KFSK BOARD I KNOW HOW TIGHT THE BUDGET FOR THE RADIO STATION IS. EVERY DOLLAR IS ACCOUNTED FOR WITH ABSOLUTELY NO FAT BUILT IN AS A CUSHION. DESPITE THE TIGHT BUDGET, KFSK DELIVERS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST.

I HOPE THE FULL SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL RE-ENSTATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING. THE ELIMINATION OF STATE FUNDING WILL MAKE MANY RURAL STATIONS INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING, WHICH WILL BE A DE FACTO ELIMINATION OF RADIO FOR BUSH ALASKA.

KFSK IS THE FIRST STOP TO DISSEMINATE IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY. WHEN I WAS HALF WAY UP PETERSBURG MOUNTAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT JAN 5, 2013 AFTER THE TSUNAMI WARNING, MY PORTABLE RADIO TUNED TO KFSK WAS MY ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION WITH UP TO DATE STATUS REPORTS.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING IS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR BUSH ALASKA AND DESERVES THE FUNDING TO CONTINUE AS SUCH.

Thank you for submitting my written comments to the record.

Sincerely,

Joan E. K. Sebastian