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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to plead with you to **reinstate funding for public radio and TV**. Our public radio station, KFSK in Petersburg, is the lifeblood of our community, providing us with local, state and regional news, public safety alerts, and community announcement and communication services. For those of us in Alaska's rural, isolated communities, our local radio stations are the only way we have to communicate.

I fully understand that we have a budget issue, but it will not be solved by nickel and dime-ing our way out with cuts to vital programs. These serious budget shortfalls require a whole new way of thinking, and I believe it is time to look at a state income tax for starters. So many people work seasonally (fishing, tourism, etc.) in our state, or are two-week on, two-week off slope workers, and many of these people go right home to other states, where many of them pay an income tax on their Alaskan wages--to another state! They come up with boatloads of goods they bought at Costco and are so proud of how much they DON'T spend in Alaska, and then take their wages and run.

Thank you for listening, and thank you for serving our state in this difficult time.

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