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Honorable Senator Bert Stedman  
Honorable Senator Mike Dunleavy

Subject: Elimination of Funding for Petersburg's KFSK

As a member of the Petersburg Borough Assembly, I do not support the proposed 100% cut in funding for KFSK broadcasting system. KFSK is the only forum in the Petersburg/ Kupreanof area that can disseminate information in a timely manner. The station provides a safety net for the area that would be very hard to replace. The station is efficiently managed. Monies provided by the state are leveraged with federal funds to provide over 50% of their operating budget. If government were to provide this service, I don't believe it could be done as cost effectively.

I have some experience trying to juggle funding priorities. It would be virtually impossible to adjust staffing and operations in the short term without having long-term impacts that would last for many years as the station tries to recover. I understand and support the need to make big budget adjustments. However, it is my hope that the committee would revert at least to its earlier proposal of 23% or less. Ratcheting funding down over a series of years is difficult but at least it gives communities a chance to slowly make adjustments.

Respectively,

Bob Lynn  
Member, Petersburg Borough Assembly