

From: [Art Peterson](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: SUPPORT state funding for public broadcasting
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Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

It has come to my attention that the Senate Finance Committee is proposing to eliminate ALL state funding for public broadcasting. That is a **TERRIBLE** idea, and, in the strongest possible terms, I urge you to think that one through again and restore full funding for public broadcasting.

As a **48-year**-plus resident of Alaska, I have supported public broadcasting since its inception – to the best of my ability. Although I am a lawyer (former legislative employee, assistant attorney general, and private practitioner, now retired), I am **not** wealthy, but I have always donated as much as I could to public broadcasting and have thought that it was money very well spent. Public radio and public television provide the best news reporting and analysis, as well as some of the most intelligent entertainment, that is available anywhere on the airwaves.

The people of Alaska need that source of educational, insightful, and enjoyable programming!

While I recognize that deciding on budget cuts is a difficult process, cutting state funding of public broadcasting is ABSURD, and I urge you to **restore the funding**.

Thank you.

Art Peterson