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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Cutting public broadcasting funding is dangerous for Petersburg
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Good afternoon, members of the Senate Finance Committee,

We've recently learned that a devastating cut to Public Radio in Alaska is being considered. Cutting 100 percent of State funding would literally put the radio off the air. This is Petersburg one and only daily source for community and official information. The three-thousand people of Petersburg depend on our local public radio station: to broadcast public meetings and keep the citizenry engaged, to broadcast the marine forecast which for a community that lives and works on the water can be a matter of life and death, provide daily news and community announcements, and more.

This is an essential service, not just for quality of life, but for safety.

It would be completely unacceptable to see this funding completely chopped. Please prevent these cuts that would endanger and abandon thousands of rural Alaskans.

Thank you for your time,
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