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I urge you to continue to contribute -as I do- to public broadcasting in Alaska. The work done by the few staff and many volunteers create a service that is not only essential to assuring an informed public but a significant factor in quality of life in Alaska. KTOO and its partner stations keep us connected to the whole state and the whole world. They are vital to mitigating the sense of isolation and obscurity we risk if we were to be cut off from such excellent programming. Public broadcasting has made extraordinary efforts to cut expenses while expanding programming. They have demonstrated responsible fiscal management as cuts have kept coming. They have rallied volunteers and created a space for community involvement. Alaska certainly is facing a fiscal crisis, but stifling the best source for Alaskans staying informed is irresponsible. I a sustaining member of the KTOO family, even increasing my monthly contribution in light of hard times ahead. I urge you to fund public broadcasting in Alaska to at least the current level.

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