

From: [Anjuli Grantham](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: please restore funding for public broadcasting
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Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I was born in the middle of salmon season, when my father was out fishing. He heard that I was born due to an announcement made over public radio: "Come to town to meet your new daughter," it said. Of course, times have changed and most fathers are connected to their pregnant wives via other means, but that does not change the fact that public radio provides an intimate and critical service to all Alaskans.

Public broadcasting connects Alaskans, provides emergency communications, educates thousands each year, and keeps government accountable to its citizens. It enhances the quality of life for commuters and bush dwellers alike. Public broadcasting orgs are cornerstones in our communities.

The proposed elimination would be disastrous to Kodiak, where I live. Without the state money, KMXT would not qualify for federal funds. The 23% cut that was initially proposed is acceptable--- although significant, it wouldn't mean the curtailing of programming or staff positions. But a complete elimination of state funding is unacceptable.

I understand that you have a difficult job. I am one of many Alaskans who support re-instituting a state sales tax so that we increase state revenues. Cutting the budget is a short-term fix to a long term revenue problem. Once program budgets are cut, it is very difficult to get funding for them again. Keep public broadcasting viable in the state of Alaska through state funding.

Sincerely,
Anjuli Grantham
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