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To those lawmakers in Juneau -

I choose to make my home in the rural town of Glennallen. We rely on public broadcasting, both radio and television, for our link to the news of the world. We have no other connection to the nation as a whole. The commercialized television that is mainstream does not produce educated and informed citizens; it is entertainment offering no educational value. The quality of public broadcasting allows for well-rounded discussion of all issues that affect our world.

A world that extends well outside the area of our town. In removing this service, we are further cut off from information. The denial of access to information is the largest road block to the development of productive citizens. Again, through this process of budget cuts, I have seen the rural communities of Alaska be more and more disenfranchised. We have no alternatives to our current bare bones choices in rural Alaska. I was appalled that such a vital and basic service as public broadcasting would even be considered in this process.

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