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Dear members of the finance committee,

As a lifelong Alaskan, public broadcasting has always been a part of my life. As a small child my father was a rural school teacher on Prince of Whales Island, I can still remember watching a variety of educational television shows that were provided by the rural area television network. Moving to Juneau at an early age public broadcasting became a bigger part of my life with my introduction to the local public radio station KTOO. At age eight I was invited onto Jeff Browns show We Like Kids as a tiny host. I can remember the excitement of playing my clarinet on Andy Kline's volunteer music show Midnight Capers as a middle school student. By the time I reached high school I was volunteering on a bimonthly radio show on Saturday nights. When I had the opportunity to do my own show in my early twenties, I took it, hosting Lukewarm Reviews on Juneau's KXLL for over five years. I am now 32 years old and a board member of CCBI. Public Broadcasting has given me the ability to be a part of my community and taught me how much I love this community and state. Please do not cut funding for public broadcasting, its a drop in the bucket and many people in this state rely heavily on that drop.

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