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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Eric Nelson, and I'm a member of the Community Advisory Committee at KBBI AM 980 in Homer. I'm writing to ask

you to consider not cutting all of the state grant funding for public broadcasting. Alaska public radio and TV stations and APRN provide

important real time information about wildfires, tsunamis, and other natural events that would be hard to replace with anything else.

That particularly is true for powerful AM radio stations like KBBI and KDLG in Dillingham. These stations can be heard for hundreds

of miles, and are an important source of information. I know the Senate has a difficult job ahead figuring out what to fund, but I

honestly believe public broadcasting in Alaska is a bargain for the state. The loss of state grant money to KBBI alone, for example,

would amount to \$130,000. That would trigger job and programming cuts right away. Not far down the road, loss of state money

would lead to loss of federal Corporation for Public Broadcasting money, in a domino effect. Thanks for listening to me.