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Dear members of the finance committee,

I realize that you have an incredibly tough job ahead of you to create a viable state budget under the current income shortfall. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. You are appreciated.

I would like to voice my concern about the proposed budget cut to public broadcasting. During our 34 years in Homer our family has relied heavily on KBBI to provide us with current news - local, national and international; entertainment - music of all genres, trivia games; public announcements - community events as well as emergency information; and stimulating reports - scientific, social, philosophical, etc. My family is frequently 'on the go' so radio in our vehicles is a must. Programs that I have heard on KBBI over the years have provided me with moments of joy, despair, pain, awakening, growth, intellectual expansion, satisfaction, pride, anger etc.. My life has been changed and enriched by our local radio station, KBBI.

Cutting funding by 100% will devastate KBBI, causing personnel layoffs, loss of news, public safety information and engineering support. The radio options in Homer will be reduced to canned music with frequent ads, or stations with a limited, biased offering. I don't need shows on the radio to tell me what to think, I need input that will encourage me to think for myself.

I realize that it is necessary to make cuts to create a state budget but PLEASE reconsider the amount that you cut from public broadcasting. It is a vital part of our quality of life in Homer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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