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My husband & I have worked in the bush as seasonal ADFG Fish Techs. Remote bush sites around the state have limited radio reception, no cell phone or internet access. We rely on KBBI (Homer) & KDLG (Dillingham). It would be a real hindrance in obtaining state and local news updates and fishing reports if these stations were to be cut out of existence or relegated to minimal broadcasting hours.

What would happen during a natural disaster/serious emergency without these radio stations? A true story; in 1987, my partner & I were stationed at a remote Kodiak beach (Uyak Bay) monitoring the herring fishery and learned about a possible incoming tsunami through KBBI. Fortunately, we were able to pack a few things and run up the mountainside until the arrival window had passed.

Worldwide, literally every democratic country provides a public media option because they regard it as an essential public service. Don't cause Alaska to slide backwards into Third-world status!

Thank you for your time,
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