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Senator Dunleavy,

While I didn't receive a response to my previous email to you, I have seen a response to a friend stating that without state funds, public radio stations will still have their federal and local funding. This is not necessarily the case. In the case of the smaller stations, meaning those in areas where the service is most vital, loss of state funding will put them below the mandated local match to qualify them for their CPB grants and they will lose their federal funding also. Local monies cannot make up for that. Many of these stations will just die. I've attached a pie chart based on the revenues of KCHU in Valdez, which has larger local contributions than some of the smaller stations due to the vast listening area. This is not speculation. It's an economic reality. Public radio provides vital services to Alaska residents. It is not a luxury, it's a lifeline.

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