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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Esteemed Senate President and Committee members:

I disagree with the proposed 100% budget cut to public broadcasting. I urge you to keep it funded because even at a reduced level it provides an essential and valuable service. As citizens we need trusted information to make decisions daily and especially in times of crisis. KYUK in Bethel, for example, is an emergency alert facility. If there were to be an earthquake like we had in 1964, or any kind of disaster, officials must have a way to disseminate health and safety information quickly across our vast state. It's a communication system that already works. Alaskans are joined together on a daily basis with news and information that makes an important difference in our lives. One hundred percent loss of state funds to public broadcasting would mean a loss of federal dollars, too, and that would certainly cause station closures. I completely disagree with disproportionately cutting public broadcasting funds by 100 percent.

Thank you for serving in the Alaska Legislature and for allowing my testimony.

Sincerely,  
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