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Respected Senate President and Committee Members:

First, I would like to thank you for representing me at our State's Capital. I know this year is an anomaly when it comes to the state budget, but there are two points I would like to make in relation to Public Broadcasting.

First, Public Radio and Television are the life line of Rural Alaska, many of us can't afford internet in our homes and VHF Radios only can reach so far. We all listen to the radio or may get a snowy Television signal if our Village can't afford to hook cable up to our homes. So, 100% cut to Public Broadcasting means 100% cut to public health and safety communications in Rural Alaska.

Secondly and specifically, 100% cut to Public Broadcasting means almost a 100% cut to KYUK. I serve as a public member on Bethel Broadcasting Incorporated's Board of Directors representing the Lower Yukon Area. This cut will mean that my area of KYUK's broadcasting signal will not be forthcoming. KYUK being the Primary Emergency Alert Station for one of the most economically depressed regions of our great state (Wade Hampton) how can you explain to our People what effects this is going to have when you supply millions of dollars to other areas of the state for projects that are not a life and safety challenge as this is?

KYUK does have a strong local support base, but what is \$30,000.00 coming from the poorest region of our great state? Can it keep KYUK on the air? We need financial help from the state, period. I trust each and every one of you know the situation we are in although you may have never been in my region before. I ask that the Legislature put funding back into the Capital Budget for Public Broadcasting.

Respectfully:

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