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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: No Severe Cuts to Alaska Public Broadcasting
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I am a long-time Homer resident and supporter of public radio and television. I served on our local KBBI Community Advisory Board for 7 years. I am writing to implore you not to make the 100% cuts to Alaska Public Broadcasting. These severe cuts are unfair and uncalled for. Public Broadcasting serves all Alaskans and a 100% cut will cause serious and irreparable harm across our state,

Even the loss of \$130,000 will have a significant impact on my local Homer station (KBBI), resulting in the loss of local news, and health and public information services such as the 2012 Funny River Fire, volcanic eruptions (Redoubt, Augustine, etc) and severe weather both on land and sea.

The Kenai Peninsula is not alone in this predicament: small communities throughout Alaska rely on these services as much as we do. Severe cuts will result in employee layoffs and revenue loss from federal and other granting agencies. High quality national programming will also be lost. Such services cannot be replaced by commercial broadcasting systems, who often operate in multiple markets at the same time, and do not offer local and community support.

As your constituent, I ask that you not support the deep cuts to public broadcasting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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