From: <u>Dennis Robinson</u>

To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Subject: Public Radio

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I am writing to express my support for continued State funding for Public Radio. Public Radio is a crucial part of everyday life in rural Alaska. For many in Rural Alaska, public radio is the only source of being connected to the rest of the world. Imagine your TV or your cell phone service being cut off. What would that mean to you? It is hard for anyone to imagine. It is very real to us. Unalaska and its residents provide our non-profit radio station with over 75% of its total annual budget with the remainder coming from the State of Alaska. KIAL radio is our ONLY source of information from the rest of world and in the State in the event of an emergency. Please consider the implications to the people that live in the "rest" of the State and continue to fund Public Radio at current levels.

I realize that the revenue situation is no less than dire for the State, but, a 100% cut to an individual group in our great State is not acceptable.

Regards,

Dennis