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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Mark Wiggin](#)
Subject: Alaska Public Broadcasting Funding
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Dear Senators:

I am writing to ask that you support some level of funding for public broadcasting in Alaska. I fully understand the State is facing difficult choices with the reduction in state revenues. Because I am in the oil industry and I have witnessed firsthand what the drop in prices has done to activities and earnings, I am quite aware that these are tough times.

My wife and I are significant financial supporters of Alaska Public Broadcasting at the Leadership Circle level. I am on the board of directors as well of APM(Alaska Public Media). I have been volunteering for, and contributing to, public broadcasting in Alaska since I moved here in 1983. I say this so as to convince you that I am not just asking government to fund that which my Family--and all of my friends love-- public broadcasting. I try to do my part.

Yet, public TV and radio is an extraordinary asset in both urban and rural Alaska. Over the last 32 years, I have been amazed at both the quality of the programming, the devotion of the listeners, and the dependability of the broadcast of public media in Alaska- both during normal times and abnormal times, such as when ice storms ravaged the Anchorage bowl area. As far as rural programming and broadcast go, I remember driving as far west on the roads at Prudhoe Bay Field when I worked at Milne Point so that I could pick up the am radio feed of KBRW in Barrow, AK.

Please, do not zero out state funding for public broadcasting in Alaska--it is too valuable of an asset to risk.

Thank you.

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