

Doniece Gott

From: Terri Robbins 
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:25 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio

Thank you for your support of public radio. Our communities depend on the services and information provided by our local public radio stations. Up to date and relevant news about current issues is crucial to healthy, happy, and productive lives in Alaska. Please continue to fund public media as you consider the latest budget.
Thank you for your service.

Terri Robbins
Ketchikan, AK

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Steve Tyler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and Satellite Communication

I support increasing the budget to better fund Public Radio to \$1.25 million and increase Satellite Communication to \$1 million.

Thank you.

Sent from Steve's iPhone

“The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten. “

Benjamin Franklin

January 17, 1706 – April 17, 1790

Doniece Gott

From: Heather Eldred <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio budget

I am in favor of the budget suggestions including \$1m for public radio. Public radio is the life blood of Alaska.

Heather Eldred
Chugiak

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Eric Geisler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

I would like to urge support for the budgets for Alaska Public Media and the satellite communications. As a person who travels around the state on a frequent basis these services are a critical link for factual news and provide timely notice on critical issues affecting citizens across Alaska. While the proposed budgets have been carefully considered I would urge an increase of 10% or more so that issues from across the state and from outside the state can continue to be addressed for the Alaska audience.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Eric Geisler
509 220 4712

Doniece Gott

From: Stephen Livingston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:35 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media

Please support currently proposed or higher funding for public radio and satellite communications. Public media is particularly important for our smaller communities but we rely on it in larger cities as well, including Anchorage where I have lived since 1982.

Thank you very much,
Stephen Livingston MD
7882 Gate Creek Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502
907-440-2361
stephenl@gci.net

Doniece Gott

From: Home [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:35 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: NPR funding

Please consider increasing the funding for NPR beyond \$1,000,000. This is a very necessary public service and we as a community are better off for it.

Thanks, Rick.

Doniece Gott

From: Steve Ex <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: Public media funding

Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Bishop, Hoffman, Olson, Wielechowski, and Wilson,

As a 39 year Eagle River resident and senior citizen, I write to strongly urge support for *at minimum* the currently proposed \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications. In-depth and timely information provided from multiple perspectives that seeks to respect and educate all Alaskans, is vitally important. Just yesterday for example, in listening to the school board candidates on "Hometown Alaska", I learned about (and subsequently watched) the two hour presentation by school district and local government leaders on Coronavirus that was highly informative and thought provoking. While other media outlets serve very useful purposes, none can take the place of KSKA and KAKM.

State government must invest in this key piece of our community infrastructure; it's a bargain for the health, safety, and civic competence of Alaskans that we cannot purchase elsewhere. I make that bold statement because my wife and I have been reliant on, and contributors to, Alaska Public Media since discovering it in 1981. Sincerely, Steve

Steve Ex
(907) 862-3769

Doniece Gott

From: Jim Manning [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:40 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fiscal impacts and needs

Unalakleet water system is in desperate condition. At this time it is a rare week for the system to provide water to the entire town without a pipe break, causing an interruption somewhere in town. This past weekend my apartment was without running water from about Friday noon until late Sunday afternoon. This is common enough that everyone simply monitors the water system Facebook page daily to see if a boil water recommendation starts or what parts of town are without water for now. I have been told that the city began asking for financial help with this problem\ 10 years ago.

We need enough money to replace a significant amount of the pipe in our system just to maintain the current level of service. It is obvious that without replacing a significant amount of the pipes immediately next winter the outages will significantly more problematic. I suspect that replacing the entire existing (40 to 60 year?) old pipes is the only way to keep this system operating.

Regarding COVID-19

The absence of adequate internet infrastructure statewide is an elephant on with regard to implementing online classes at any level of our educational system. The 3 problems are inadequate server capacity, inadequate network capacity which will cause frequent page load latency problems thusly exacerbating the above problems.

It will take significant amounts of money to address these problems. Even in Fairbanks area those not inside the city limits often have somewhat limited bandwidth or totally lack home internet access at all. Adding to this are a huge number of poorly written web sites that have web pages which either load images before loading text or/and have text with tons of extra (superfluous) control text. I have seen web pages where 90% of the characters are repeated control strings that add to internet overhead without providing any useful formatting to the text at the expense of slowing down load times for web pages.

Alaska, where the ground is white and the sky is green.

Jim Manning(Unalakleet/Fairbanks)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Doniece Gott

From: Alexandra Fletcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please fund AK public radio

Dear Senators,
Public radio and Alaska Public Media are so crucial to our State. Public radio and it's programming entertains, enthralls and informs us in our everyday lives. In times of confusion and crisis it is especially important to have responsible and accurate reporting to disseminate the facts to the far reaches of our great State. Please fund public radio.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Fletcher
Owner Spoonline Bistro
Girdwood
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Alexandra

Doniece Gott

From: Courtney Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Supporting public radio

To Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

When I moved to Juneau from California, I was shocked to find a public radio infrastructure and program list that surpassed what I was offered in California. I can't understate the importance that public radio plays in informing and entertaining me on a daily basis. Besides eat, sleep, and pet my dog, there is no other activity that I engage in on a regular basis besides listening to ALL 3 public radio stations. We have a station with a motto that says something to the effect: "if you recognize the song, we aren't doing our job". Where do you get that level of creativity and humor? I digress...Thank you for your past and continued support of public and local programming provided by Alaska Public Media. I urge you to approve the \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications. My ability to meaningfully engage at a local level depends on access to relevant news and I trust APN. Thank you

Courtney Hart

Doniece Gott

From: Katie McCafferty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony on budget for public media

To the Senate Finance Committee:

Dear Sirs and Madam,

My name is Katherine McCafferty and I am a registered voter and a listener and watcher of public media. I am also a contributing member to public media. I am writing in support of the \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Public media is an important source of national and local news and information. Just this week, the Municipality of Anchorage used Alaska Public Media to disseminate information that was important and immediately relevant regarding the response to the pandemic.

In addition, I am a watcher to Alaska 360, particularly when the legislature is in session. This is a vital way for Alaskans to stay informed about how elected officials are representing us.

Alaska Public Media has provided the most comprehensive state and local information in my time living in this state. That they continue to do so is especially important, at this time when accurate information is essential, and the pandemic and our strained economic situation is continuously evolving.

I hope that you will fully fund the proposed budget amount for public media. Public media plays a vital role in keeping Alaskans informed every day, and is especially important in our current circumstances.

Sincerely,

Katherine McCafferty

Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Kimberly Daugherty [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Tv budget

I support the amount for the AK PBS budget amount. I rely on PBS' programming for information, education and entertainment. I, myself personally donate because I feel that AK PBS does a great service to our community. Please pass this budget.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Daugherty

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Judith Whitcomb <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media

We need our Public media now more than ever before. I get news much more frequently on the radio than I do on the TV, and I depend on it for following current events. Now with the Covid19 virus we see even more why an intact and unbiased public radio station which has excellent reporting and educational programs is a backbone in our communication which we can rely on. The public does a huge job to support it but the cost of acquiring excellent national and international programs requires more help from the state. Please help us keep this wonderful resource alive by standing behind at least the \$1 million proposal for public radio and at least \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Thank you,
Judith Whitcomb, MD

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support Alaska Public Media

Alaska Public Media deserves all the financial support that you can possibly give it at this time. It is how we stay informed of statewide and local issues all year long and especially during this crisis.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Doug Sanvik
Juneau, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Jill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for Alaska Public Media

Public Radio and Television is a lifeline for education, entertainment, and good non-biased news that all Alaskans depend on. Please fund it as proposed. Better yet, consider increasing that funding. I depend on Alaska's public media now, as I did when I lived in some of our beautiful remote areas.

Jill Johnson
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: C. Schmit Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support public communications

Hello. In this new communication age, it is very difficult to trust a provider for being a good choice for any viewer. There is very little educational viewing and very few places one can trust to be a healthy venue for the mind, especially for the younger mind. Please support public radio and television. Thank you. Michael Schmit

Doniece Gott

From: Cindy Bettine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:35 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public RAdio

To the Finance Committee,
At times like these, we need to make sure that our Public Radio System stays in place. Please fund public radio and TV. Just last night we watched the City of Anchorage present how they were handling the Virus. It was one of the more enlightening presentations available to us. We do not have pay TV.

Thank you.
Cindy Bettine
Big Lake

Doniece Gott

From: Kate McLaughlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Media

Please keep funding our public media!

Alaska Public Media has been my life line for news and educational programs since I live in a remote community and do not have a TV cable network subscription.

When thinking of what to write today in this urge to not only fund, but to increase the funding for AK Public Media, the first thing that comes to mind is the need during this global epidemic. We will need access to news about what is happening in our Nation and across the Globe with the COVID virus and other events. Our children who will be home schooling will need access to educational programs. And the whole family will need to relax and enjoy the music and other entertainment shows available through APM.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my support.

Katherine McLaughlin
PO Box 561
Cordova, Alaska 99574

Doniece Gott

From: Elarth Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

Please support the \$1,000,000 in the budget for Alaska's Public Media Radio. They actually need more but at least the million. Also please support the \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Alaska Public Media is a must for the Bush, but the Bush aren't the only ones that need it. The entire state of Alaska is enriched where public media is concerned. Personally, I depend on it for real news, exceptional entertainment, and science programming.

Thank you for your consideration.
Elizabeth V. Allen
Kenai, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Oranje Mannetje [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support Public Media Broadcasting

I support the budget for funding public media in Alaska. Public radio is a great source of local, national, and international news. It is the only radio station that I listen to on a daily basis. I tune in around noon to listen to The World, Marketplace, and BBC News. I continue listening until at least 3 PM to catch the local programming, especially on Monday for "Line One: Your Health Connection." There is no other single source that I know of where I can get such a broad range of news and programming. I know that money is tight, but I ask that you consider increasing the funding for public radio and satellite communications in the budget for such a valuable resource that reaches all of Alaska.

thanks,
jeroen bosse

Doniece Gott

From: Chuck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

Please support the budget proposals for public radio and satellite communications. These services are critical to our communities and culture. Particularly important during periods of disasters, pandemics, fires, etc. I would support increased funding levels. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Christine Maack [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Alaska Public Media

Please retain or increase the proposed budget of Alaska Public Media. I have been a supporter since it first started and miss it very much since I moved to the lower 48. It is of such high quality.

Chris Maack
formerly of Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Anne Kosacheff [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

Please support funding for public radio in Alaska.

Living in rural Alaska for the last 25 years, KYUK is the only way to get local news. All other news outlets focus on Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks..... mentioning rural Alaska only during the Iditerod and perhaps a basketball game or two.

Public radio is very necessary for Alaska.

Thank you.

Anne Kosacheff

Doniece Gott

From: Doug Robbins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

In ordinary times, Alaskans need a forum dedicated to exploring the experience of life on the last frontier. In times of public danger or disaster, Alaskans need a trusted source for news.

I ask you to increase the proposed budget of \$1,000,000 for radio, and \$879,500 for satellite communications, so that Alaska Public Media can continue to deliver these critical services to Alaskans.

Doug Robbins

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Mark and Christi Norquist [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:24 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and Satellite communications funding

Dear Committee Members,

Please fund Public Radio to the fullest extent possible. It is the most listened to radio in Alaska, and for good reason. It presents the most unbiased news that can be found, is home to numerous local programs that are important to our diverse community and broadcasts a wide variety of top quality entertainment programs that can be found nowhere else. In our current crises, the best local information is almost always found here!

Thank you for your service.

Mark & Christi Norquist
Anchorage ALASKA

Doniece Gott

From: Susan Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:26 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I Support Essential Budgeting for Public Media

The Covid19 Pandemic is an example of the critical need for maintaining financing for Public Media in Alaska. They provide critical communications throughout our great State. When I lived and worked in Nome for three years I relied on the information I received through Public Media. I live in Anchorage now but still rely on them as well as enjoy their reporting and programming. I make my annual contribution and I implore the Finance Committee to please approve funding as well to maintain public television and public radio for residents of Alaska.

Thank you.

Susan Mitchell
Anchorage, AK

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Susan M, Sent from Gmail Mobile

Doniece Gott

From: Delynne [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:26 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: encouragement to support public radio and satellite communications

Hello,

I feel for the difficult position you are in trying to decide how to best use the State's funds, especially now.

I hope you consider the value of communications in Alaska. I donate more substantially (transferred stock last year) to AK Public Media than anything else because their ability to keep the public informed eases our lives. Just this morning, "Talk of Alaska" hosted Mayor Berkowitz and the heads of three hospitals on air and streaming on Facebook. The "Running" series for political candidates has a long reputation in helping voters better understand contestants' viewpoints. I rely on KSKA and KAKM for much of my information.

I'm tense and worried tonight; I don't think I'm expressing myself as well as I might. I hope, though, that I've said enough.

Thank you,
Delynne Chambers
907-227-4405

Doniece Gott

From: Paula Payne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media

Dear Finance Committee, Alaska needs its public radio and public tv more than any other state. I love public radio and would like it to have an even stronger signal in my area.
Please fully fund Alaska Public Media.

Thank you,
Paula Payne
Cordova, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: John Ippolito <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding Alaska Public Media

This is indeed an extraordinary time. A terrifying pandemic laps at our doorstep, with a spinoff global financial crisis trailing in it's wake. Each of which challenges the state and the nation to the core.

It is now more than ever that we need to fully fund APRN in order to keep us informed in it's clear headed unbiased fashion - keeping Alaskans up to date with well researched, fact based reporting from Kotebue to DC. This is certainly no time to drop the ball.

Please fully fund Alaska Public Media.

With sincerity,
John Ippolito and Annella Cooper
Eagle River

Doniece Gott

From: karen otter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Financing for public media

This is one of the few things left to grab the imagination, show the new and the old, bring us the arts and Broadway, all in a way that shows people there is a real world waiting to stir their imagination to do their best in things that count. Please keep the budget!!!!

Karen Otter. Sterling alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Deborah Rudis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for public broadcasting

I would like to express support for the proposed funding for public broadcasting and satellite communications. Although I know presently financial decisions are difficult, we depend on public broadcasting throughout the state to provide news and other information critical to our daily lives. If this funding level could be increased that would be a tremendous benefit. Thank you for considering these comments.

Deborah Rudis
Juneau, Alaska
907.723.9981

Doniece Gott

From: Adam Babcock [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support Alaska Public Media

Alaska Public Media is one of the few remaining news sources with consistently high-quality, fair, non-partisan, in-depth reporting. It is a great educational tool for all Alaskan communities as well as providing critical safety messaging and communications infrastructure.

Please provide Alaska Public Media with the very highest financial support possible. A great state needs great news reporting and educational, informative programming - Alaska Public Media provides these services at the highest levels.

Thank you,
Adam Babcock
9780 Reliance Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: sondra costales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:57 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Stations

Please fund the PubicRadio/television stations here in Alaska. I have enjoyed & relied on their programming since the 1980's. No matter where I was, Ketchikan, Craig, Hydaburg, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and now in Kenai. It's good & right for us so be a gal/guy fund it.

Thank you, Sondra Costales

Doniece Gott

From: Petra Lisiecki [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Simon Lisiecki
Subject: Alaska Public Media Funding

To whom it may concern,
I urge you to fully fund our APM, indeed increase the funding, in these times of a pandemic!
To receive trustworthy and reliable information is of utter importance, to protect and reassure us and help when so many people are at home!
Please, do the right thing!
Thank you,
Petra Lisiecki

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Maria Rentz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:07 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Support

Dear Legislators:

PLEASE provide the currently proposed, or, as much as possible, higher levels of funding for Alaska public radio and satellites telecommunications. This form of news delivery is critical in the current environment and is a trusted source of factual information for both urban and rural communities.

Please keep your constituents informed and equipped to make the most sensible decisions in these uncharted times.

Gratefully,
Maria Rentz

Chugiak, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Carol Crosby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:18 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget

I understand you are meeting to discuss budget proposals. I would like to ask for your approval for public radio and satellite communication. Our PBS platforms are VITAL for keeping the public informed with the latest and creative information there is out there. It is the only area not owned by advertisers and lobbyists. It is vital to keeping our citizens informed of inside information and the latest creative processes. Our world is enriched by its presence. Please approve or increase financial support to PBS platforms. I support it and ask that you do the same. Carol Crosby

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Sarah Mastroyanis <smastroyanis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for public radio

Please pass the legislation to fund public radio in Alaska, it is essential for Alaskans especially with the amount of rural communities in our state.

Local news and health and safety messaging are great reasons to value public media. Right now the coverage of the pandemic at the local, state and national level is critical service to Alaskans. Public media stations are busy sharing accurate information about the public health emergency, about resources that are available in your community and in the State of Alaska, as well as up to date info on what has been canceled or rescheduled. With so many people staying home local public radio is the ideal source of accurate news and information available over the air or online.

Please please please pass the budget to approve over 1 million in funding for public media, we need it so badly for Alaskans.

Thanks,

Sarah Mastroyanis


Anchorage resident and Alaska public media supporter.

Doniece Gott

From: Sid Atwood ~~satwood@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:30 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Tadio

The cost to the state of Alaska for public radio is nothing compared to the information gained especially in rural areas.
Thank you for the chance to express my thoughts.
Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Brooke White 
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:32 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Increase the budget for public media

If there's ever been a time to appreciate and value public media, NOW is that time! In the midst of this worldwide pandemic, we Alaskans can rely on our public media stations. Both online and over the air, they're providing accurate information about the public health emergency, about resources that are available in our community and in the State of Alaska, as well as up to date info on what has been canceled or rescheduled. In addition, they provide smart entertaining programs as well, which are just as important for our mental wellbeing. With so many currently staying home and likely even more intense social distancing in our near future, this is a critical service to Alaskans. Please provide them with the funding necessary to continue this imperative resource for our public.

Thank you,
Brooke Itter from Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Joni <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:38 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund Public Radio

Alaska Public Radio is my go to station!
Every time I get in the car it comes cc on.
When I'm making dinner it keeps me company.
Even our 15 year old son turns it on as we drive to school.
It keeps us all not only informed but entertained as well.
Please fund them for all of us!

Joni Katz

Doniece Gott

From: Sage Asher sageash@msn.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:41 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Public Radio!

To all concerned,

Public radio is a lifeline for information around the state every day, and especially now. Please vote to keep current funding of public radio or even better, to increase funding of this vital part of our communities.

Thank you,

Sage Asher

Doniece Gott

From: Carol S ~~esturgulewski@gmail.com~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:42 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio funding

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I write to encourage you to support the proposed funding of \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications in the budget currently being discussed.

I am a lifelong Alaskan, a registered non-partisan super-voter who has lived in 9 communities throughout the state in my lifetime, from Sitka to Fairbanks to Unalaska to (now) Anchorage. Public radio has always been an important conduit for information, particularly to parts of the state not on the road system. There were times in my life when I lived in towns too small to support commercial radio, and which were frequently cut off from newspaper delivery due to weather or airline conflicts. Some of us got cable TV from Boston or Denver, but public broadcasting was our only link to what was happening in our own state.

This important link has only been highlighted by the upheaval accompanying our efforts to fight the coronavirus. Public broadcasting has been a lifeline for Alaskans trying to keep abreast of the rapid changes in lifestyle being mandated by our local, state and federal governments. In many communities without adequate internet communication, it's the only pathway to keeping residents informed and safe.

The state has many, many demands on it during these turbulent times, but public broadcasting is serving a vital role in the health and safety of our residents. Please support full funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carol M. Sturgulewski
5120 Manytell Ave., Anchorage
(907) 336-1604

Doniece Gott

From: Kathleen James [mailto:kathleen.james@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:41 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget proposal for Alaska Public Media

Dear Finance Committee Members:

Please accept this email as support of the proposed \$1,000,000 budget allocation for Alaska Public Media for the upcoming year. APM is a vital source of communication, education, and public information for all Alaskans, both within bigger communities as well as in remote villages. As example, they have provided daily, accurate information on our current Covid19 health crisis, including valuable links to public health resources, and instructional reporting on what steps individuals and communities should take to mitigate the spread of this epidemic. As you know, APM provides a variety of educational programs for all ages of individuals. Additionally, their programming which highlights our Alaska Native culture and history is unique and vital to the continued social and economic health of our great State.

In this time of great demand on our financial resources, I realize your task of wise apportionment is difficult. However, continued state budget support of Alaska Public Media is truly vital to the health, education, and wellbeing of all Alaskans. I strongly encourage you to pass, or even exceed the amount of the current proposal for APM.

Thanking all of you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Kathleen James, RN
Cooper Landing, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Karena Sandvik ~~ksandvik@notman.com~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:43 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public broadcasting support

I am an avid supporter of public broadcasting. Some days I feel like it's the only way to get actual fair news. I want my tax dollars to help with their funding.

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Doniece Gott

From: Kit Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Funding

Good Morning

Public Media is an invaluable non-biased informational necessity for Alaskans. It needs adequate funding to continue its wonderful public services. Although public media is partially funded by the state and federal government, it also relies on public donations through its fund raising.

With the current coronavirus pandemic, public media will need more government funding as private donations will decrease due to unemployment and the economic uncertainty cascading from this horrific situation. We need public media to disseminate public health information, especially at this time! Alaskan bush villages and those who live and work in other remote locations depend on public radio and television for critical information.

Please increase the current low ball funding for public media TODAY! Thank you

Kathleen M Kennedy
Wasilla, AK

Sent from Bella Italia.....Kit

Doniece Gott

From: Deborah Naspinsky [mailto:dnaspinsky@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:56 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Media

Please support Public Media by approving the \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Public media services are an invaluable resource for us all. Their local news as well as health and safety messaging are among the greatest reasons to value public media. Right now, their coverage of the pandemic at the local, state and national level is critical service to us, Alaskans. Public media stations are busy sharing accurate information about the public health emergency, about resources that are available in your community and in the State of Alaska, as well as up to date info on what has been canceled or rescheduled. With so many people staying home local public radio is the ideal source of accurate news and information available over the air or online. Please support this, we **NEED** it!

Thank you,
Deborah Naspinsky
Chugiak, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Eugenia Aadland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:57 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting

To whom it may concern:

I get my news mostly from PBS local station channel 7. You need to give it the amount proposed (1,000,000 + 879,500) if not more.

I love the shows, particularly Call the Midwife and Nova. The daytime children's shows and the evening family shows are very educational, and would be missed by my family. Let's keep Alaska Public Media financially healthy.

Eugenia Wright
2708 Forest Park Drive
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Sharon Neth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:57 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public radio and satellite communications

PLEASE support the \$1,000,000 for public radio and the proposed \$879,500 for satellite communications. With the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm made even more deeply aware of how dependent I am on these essential communication services in rural Alaska in the City of Bethel.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: brian fay <~~brian.fay@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting Budget

Monday was an outstanding demonstration of why we, as the State of Alaska, need to support public radio and satellite communications. The City of Anchorage took on the task of informing residents (all over the state) about dealing with Covid-19. That opportunity is precisely why we need to support public broadcasting. It is there when we need it. Please support funding Public Radio at \$1 million and satellite communications for the \$879,500 as proposed.

Brian Fay
Chugiak

Doniece Gott

From: Jim Emmel jimm@emmel.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio

I am writing to show my support for Public Radio in Alaska. Their fair and accurate coverage of local issues is vital to our understanding of happenings in the state.

Sincerely,
Karen and Jim Emmel
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Geoff Carroll gcarroll69@gnanet.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SenateFinance Committee Hearing on funding for public radio

Senate Finance Committee Hearing on funding for public radio

Hello, my name is Geoff Carroll. I am a member of the KBRW Board of Directors and a resident of Utqiagvik.

KBRW provides a vital broadcast service to Utqiagvik and the 7 villages that surround it. It is a very important source for local, state, and national news. It is crucial for broadcasting local cultural events and important meetings that take place on the North Slope.

KBRW is a very important source for weather information. The National Weather Service office in Barrow recently shut down and KBRW is the only reliable local source. We just experienced a very serious blizzard. KBRW was able to warn our listeners across the entire North Slope that it was coming, and provided regular updates of weather conditions, road closures, business and office closures during the storm. Without this good information the storm could have been deadly.

The loss of state funding for Public Broadcasting plus the loss of matching federal funding results in a total loss to KBRW of approximately \$90,000 in lost revenue. Fortunately, we have a very loyal listener base, and their donations are very helpful, but we have a very difficult time making ends meet.

We have cut non-essential programming. We have a minimal crew, with each employee covering two or more jobs. We have sacrificed needed maintenance, repair and replacement in our equipment and facilities in an effort to be able to continue to broadcast. We can survive a year or 2 of this but it is not sustainable.

Please approve the funding so this important radio station can continue to provide quality broadcasting.

--
Geoff Carroll

PO Box 1012
7770 Yugit St
Barrow, AK 99723

907-852-5320 home
907-830-9480 cell

Doniece Gott

From: Javid Kamali <javid.kamali@yale.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Alaska Public Media

Please support Alaska Public Media by refinancing their budget!

I have lived in 3 different continents and I do not know of any public media that provides such a wide range of unbiased and relevant information. Please support them.

Dr Javid Kamali
Providence Alaska Medical Center.
907-9477192

Doniece Gott

From: Charissa Williar cwilliar@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:16 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for public radio and satellite communications budget

Hello,
I'm writing to express my support for the \$1M funding for public radio and \$879k for satellite communications. Public radio provides an important service to the community and needs and deserves your financial support. Many community members rely on public radio and I appreciate public radio's reporting because they aren't trying to sensationalize the news. They are providing accurate, non biased information and supporting true journalism, which is a critical service for a healthy society.

Thank you for your financial support of public radio and satellite communications.

Respectfully,
Charissa Williar
9073 Nuthatch Place Unit B
Anchorage, AK 99507

Doniece Gott

From: Lisa Holzapfel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Today's Budget cut Proposal-Alaska Public Media Alaska urgent!

Dear Alaska Finance Committee Chair and members of the Alaska Legislature,

I have lived in Alaska for 40 years and have listened to Alaska a public radio daily. It has been a life line for me as the state developed. It keeps me in touch with national and world wide news. It keeps me informed. Without it, we go back into the dark ages of rumor and no understanding of critical thinking and knowledge.

The public television and radio channel is the only source of good educational television on the airwaves. Even Alaska's own Molly of Denali is cherished nationwide as a way for Alaskan Native culture to be recognized and for children everywhere to learn about ethics, sharing, caring and human values. Alaska public media is where Alaskans can either watch or hear educational material about current politics, differing viewpoints, live interaction and discussion, science and world news. It's what we all need more of right now, not less.

It's unconscionable that the Alaska Legislature would gut the budget for public media. It's the only truth left on the airwaves. In critical times like these there's more need now than ever before to hear the truth. While one party may want to stifle knowledge and move us back into the dark ages, their efforts should not include eliminating public knowledge. As citizens we deserve the right to know the facts. Real facts. Not made up, fabricated lies.

Do not cut any funds from Alaska media. A 1 million dollar cut for public radio and a \$879,500 cut to satellite communications is crippling. It could destroy public information and knowledge. After 40 years of supporting improved communications statewide, how could you even consider making these cuts? Cut funds for Pebble Mine. Cut funds for the imaginary projects. But do not cut the life blood of our state's educational communication system. We all benefit from knowledge. The bush and the road system communities depend on Alaska Public media. Alaska should be doing all it can to help Alaskans stay educated and well-informed.

Please. Do not make any cuts to public media. Support them as we always have.

Sincerely,
Lisa Holzapfel
PO Box 244553, Anchorage, AK 99524

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Lisa Holzapfel

Doniece Gott

From: Tricia Franklin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:44 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media Worth Supporting

Letter of Support for Public Media Funding to Finance Committee:

Alaska Public Media is my most important resource for accurate and timely information on local and national issues. I appreciate their fair and educated approach to all subjects. Please ensure funding for this important resource today and into the future.

Thank you,
Tricia Franklin
3000 Emory St
Anchorage, AK 99508

Doniece Gott

From: Lorelei Hass <lorelei.hass@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support of public radio and television

Dear representatives on the finance committee. Please fully fund KAKM and KSKA. They are services that are vitally important to the state for providing information and education on both local issues and national/international ones. Having clear, balanced news is vitally important to our society, especially in these stressful times. Having public television's educational programs are just as vital.

Thank you in advance for helping Alaskans by supporting this funding,

Lorelei Hass

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Doniece Gott

From: Penny Risby [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio Funding

I am asking that you continue to support public radio. It is the only news source where news is reported with integrity and substance. It is especially needed in today's uncertain times where you need to know what is happening, who to contact and reported without embellished or sensational hearsay.
Please continue your support of funding.

Thank you...Penny Risby
907-440-1515

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Patience Frederiksen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:13 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and Satellite Communications

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

Please fund public radio at \$1M and satellite communications at \$879,500 for the next fiscal year. Both of these services provide Alaskans from all areas of the state access to local, state, and national news.

In times of emergency especially, such as our current COVID 19 emergency, public radio and satellite communication are crucial to keeping all Alaskans informed. How can rural Alaskans be kept abreast of news that could save their lives - one answer is public radio. Imagine how frightening the 1918 epidemic was to rural Alaskans without public radio.

Thank you!

Patience Frederiksen
Douglas, AK

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Bruce Carr ~~bcarr@gemnet~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:33 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

I fully support and encourage you to do the same in support of Alaska Public Media for the currently \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

These two services provide critical information services to the general public at this devastating timer in our state,


Step up and do your job please and support AK Public Media

Bruce Carr

2426 Harbor Landing Circle

Anchorage, AK 99515

Doniece Gott

From: Fred Sargent 
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio

Finance Committee,

Of all the things the government keeps threatening to stop funding for, public radio is the most egregious. For a relatively small amount of support dollars added to the fundraising done by the entities themselves a great value in information and culture is made available to the public. I get it. We need budget cuts but the small gain from a cut here is a terrible idea.

Thanks for your consideration.

Fred Sargent
3177 Woody Way Loop
Kodiak, Ak 99615

907-654-4002

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Doniece Gott

From: Margaret Gingerich [mailto:gingerich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:39 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed Budget for Public Radio

Dear Legislators:

As a 55 year resident of Anchorage and a long time supporter of KSKA and KAKM, I strongly urge you to support this proposed budget of \$1 million for public radio and \$879, 500 for satellite communications. Public radio and television provide critical media services for Alaska residents. We rely on them in times of crises. They provide balanced information during this highly partisan political environment. Although I am a cable subscriber and watch various news channels, KSKA and KAKM present the most accurate and balanced information of all media. This is even more important for low-income and remote communities which rely on public media for information about local, state, and national events.

Again, please support this proposed funding for public radio and satellite communications.

MargaretGingerich
1757 Hollybrook Circle
Anchorage, AK 99507

Doniece Gott

From: sara kozup [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Funding for Public Media

Dear Alaska Legislature,

I am writing to encourage you to vote to support Alaska Public Media. Public access to local information has always been vital to our community. It is, in fact, essential for a robust Democracy. The Corona virus outbreak has only made the truth more obvious that government financial support for local, reliable news is vital to public health and safety.

Thank you,

Sara Kozup-Evon
4413 Zodiak Dr.
Anchorage, AK, 99507

Doniece Gott

From: Robby Bear [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:52 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Public Radio

Good morning,

I am a Public Media consumer (radio & TV) and a lifelong Alaskan. Please support the proposed budget, or consider increasing it, for public radio.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Public Media.

Roberta Bear
7729 Old Harbor Ave
Anchorage AK. 99504
907-317-9626

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 Robby

Doniece Gott

From: Donna Knutson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

Please do not reduce or eliminate the amount of money budgeted for public radio—and for satellite coverages. If any changes should be made at this time, I believe it should be an increase in support, certainly not a decrease or elimination. So many of us in this state depend on public radio for accurate , reliable information. I support public media both with a monthly contribution and with part of my pfd, through pick, click, give.

Please continue to support public media, it's important.

Sincerely,
Donna Knutson

Doniece Gott

From: John George ~~John George~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio support

Hello from Utqiagvik,

It's hard to explain in words the critical importance of our local public radio station KBRW to the people of the North Slope. If one travels only 5 miles (or less) from of our village, we have NO internet or cell-phone coverage. We are dependent on the local radio when were are at camp, hunting and whaling for weather and news. Also, in the villages the local radio station is the heart and soul of the community - for everything from church services to high school sports.

Based on the above, I urge you to at least keep public radio funded in the bush. Public radio is critical to a healthy and functional rural Alaskan lifestyle.

Sincerely,

John C. George

Doniece Gott

From: Chris Arend [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please continue funding Alaska Public Media

The amount for public media in the current budget is vital to continue keeping Alaskans informed throughout the state, especially during times of health emergencies. I would recommend increasing the amount, if possible. But please, no less than the proposed 1 million and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Thank you.
Chris Arend

Doniece Gott

From: Lucia Zaczkowski luciazaczkowski@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio/TV Needed NOW more than ever

Our state is facing an enormous crisis and now, more than ever, we need reliable sources of information and a reliable way of sharing that information across the state. Alaska's public radio and television stations have been fulfilling that need for decades. When I moved to Tok in 1993 we had only two radio stations, one brought to us by the Coast Guard LORAN station. When it was decommissioned we lost that source. A group of us worked together to establish a public radio repeater station for many years now have provided KUAC from Fairbanks to the radio-listening public.

I am asking you to support full funding for public radio. Losing \$2.7 million is going to be a significant hit and will impact the well-being of Alaskans.

Sincerely yours,

Lucia Zaczkowski
North Pole, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Gary ~~alaskagary@hotmail.com~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: public radio

Please support public radio. Many Alaskans rely on this. Communications, local information, and information sources not tainted by advertisers and corporations is very important. Public radio is relatively cheap for the service it provides our people.

Gary Snyder
2421 Maple Ave
Anchorage, AK
99508

Doniece Gott

From: Matt Moore <~~Matt.Moore@akrehab.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: Public Radio Budget and Satellite Communications Budget

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Matt Moore <Matt.Moore@akrehab.com>
Date: 3/18/20 10:59 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: financ.committee@akleg.gov
Subject: Public Radio Budget and Satellite Communications Budget

Greetings,

I urge you to fully fund the proposed public radio budget and the satellite communications budget.

Both provide program necessary for remote villages, bush Alaska and for those in urban areas as well. We are a large state geographically and these services are necessary in keeping our citizens informed, productive and safe.

As a former chair of the board for KSKA and KAKM, I can tell you that we learned to do more with less. That was back in the 1990s.

I marveled at the support from the community and the pillars of the community when we needed it most. State funding was dramatically reduced during those times. You must hold the line on the budget in these times of a contracting economy.

I would proudly point to public radio when I recruited employees from out of state. They recognized it and saw it had value. It was one of those things that helped them decide to make Alaska their home. It was a positive.

Let's keep it that way now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Matt Moore

Doniece Gott

From: Ann Millard [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Financial support for KUAC

As students all over the state are going to require access to instructional content from their homes, it is critical that the Public Broadcasting system and the UATV network receive the funding they need to provide educational content to rural and poor communities. Many communities have limited access to internet connections that support virtual classes, instructional YouTube videos, and other tools due to lack of infrastructure. Almost all have access to UATV through the ARCS satellite dishes in their communities. But cuts to the University budget and Public Broadcasting are hampering the use of that resource.

I taught distance delivery classes for UAF School of Education for 10 years and know they can work, but it will take a concerted effort and money to restore services to all our students.

By restoring the previous funding for public broadcasting around the state, you will be providing the students who need it the most with access to the free, appropriate educational services that are part of the State's responsibility to its citizens.

Please, don't cut the funding for Public Broadcasting any more and please, increase the amount that is allocated.

Thank you for your consideration of my request,
Ann Riley Millard (previously Principal Teacher in Eagle, Alaska for 14 years)
3282 Adams Dr., B303
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
907-328-5966

Doniece Gott

From: Launie Poissant [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support public media

Please continue to support our public media which is so important especially during these uncertain times. We all need to have access to accurate timely information from a source we can trust, our local and national public radio and television fill that need.

Thank you,
Rolanda Poissant-Ross
47010 Tobacco Ln
Soldotna, AK 99669
907-252-2505

Doniece Gott

From: Linda Kumin lkuminak@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Funding

Greetings,

I am an avid user of public radio and television. They are reliable providers of local, state, national and international news as well as entertainment. Listening to public media has been essential during this time of emergency, but I enjoy it year round.

I encourage you to fully fund public media.

Linda Kumin
333 M St, #205, Anchorage, AK 99501

Doniece Gott

From: Nick Rothman nrothman@alaska.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media funding

State Representatives,

Two nights ago, I listened to the coronavirus meeting in Anchorage on KSKA. I got crucial information from the mayor, hospital officials, the ASD superintendent, and emergency responders. This is the kind of service that is crucial in this day and age. Please fully fund Alaska Public Media for the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,
Nick Rothman
Anchorage
907 903-3181

Doniece Gott

From: Del Salyer <~~del@alaska.net~~>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media

Dear Finance Committee,
Please increase the budget for Alaska Public Radio and TV.
Thank you,

Del Salyer
Alaska Scientific, Inc.
664 E Dowling Road
Anchorage, AK 99518
We stand behind our products.
907-561-8330, 800-478-8330
del@alaska.net

Doniece Gott

From: Earl Krygier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

I have written often in support of some state funding of public radio. It is a critical link in the bush and in remote areas. It is one of the few places to get honest and non-bias information. This is not true from most of our government or many of the privately owned news stations.

I give generously each year, even in my retirement. Alaska is not like other places in the lower 48, public radio is a critical safety and new outlet for Alaskans. It is one of the few places the state needs to help support.

Earl Krygier
12840 Johns Road
Anchorage, AK 99515

Doniece Gott

From: Sara Dykstra ~~sara.dykstra@gmail.com~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

Good morning-
I STRONGLY support robust funding of public media. In these times more than ever we need public media to get information out, and to connect us across the state. Please fully fund Public Media. Thank you!

Sara Dykstra
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Nancy Wainwright [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please fund public radio and satellite communications

Dear Finance Committee members:

I am writing in support of funding public radio and public television to the maximum amount, \$1 million, or even greater. During these difficult times, public radio and television are crucial for those who are isolating because of the virus. The accurate information provided by public media will likely save lives. Please fund it to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you,

Nancy Wainwright

Wainwright Legal Services, LLC
2459 Sprucewood Street
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907-205-1975
nsw@alaskan.com

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Doniece Gott

From: Karla F Huntington karla.huntington@alaska.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio and Media

I strongly support public radio. I have been a member for many years. Whether I am visiting family in the bush, or at home in Eagle River, I depend on Public Radio for news and information. We need the satellite update and the budget support to keep doing this important job.

Thank you

Karla F. Huntington
Eagle River, Alaska

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karla.huntington@alaska.gov
907-276-4747

Doniece Gott

From: Mardell Gunn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: public radio needed desperately now

To whom it may concern:

Please increase the funding for public radio.

The pandemic is proving to our small community just how important our radio station is. Updates of closures, announcements, local information is invaluable to us. We have a newspaper but that does not help much in a situation like this when things change and information is needed on an hourly basis. This is especially true for senior citizens.

Please! let's keep some of the fundamental needs of our communities intact. So much is being cut. Communication is a bottom line necessity in maintaining our small communities.

Thank you for your work,

Mardell Gunn — Haines Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: kate nixon [mailto:kate.nixon@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Budget

Now more than ever our public airways need to be maintained, upgraded and improved. Communication during the current situation is imperative. For many in our widely diverse state, public radio and television is the link to keep us connected statewide. Having lived in the Aleutians for nearly a decade, I know firsthand the importance of public radio. PLEASE be generous and forward thinking in your support the of public media in Alaska.

Thank you,
Kate Nixon

Doniece Gott

From: hope mcgratty hope@alaska.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

Dear AK State legislators,

I am writing to encourage you to support the proposed budget for AK public radio and communications. I rely on KSKA and KNBA for updated information on health issues, natural disasters, weather, traffic, rural AK communities, safety issues, and much more. Prior to living in Anchorage I was living in Talkeetna and relied on KTNA there.

Public radio provides reliable, unbiased reporting that is essential to Alaskans' quality of life. Please support this budget proposal to keep public radio and communications viable and able to thrive.

Sincerely,

Hope McGratty
1104 W 11th ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Brandon Thielke ~~mailto:brandon.thielke@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support of Public Radio

I would like to share my support of public radio and satellite communications in Alaska. This is my my primary source of information and leisure. I listen to or watch Alaska Public Media daily.

Please approve to budget for these great resources in Alaska.

Sincerely
Brandon Thielke
Palmer, AK. 99645
307-349-8282

Doniece Gott

From: Nancy Moore [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:39 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for Alaska Public Media

The current situation in Alaska with the corona virus points out that alaska needs APM to the provide the latest information and in depth discussion of the issues of day throughout Alaska. Please pass funding for Alaska Public Media.

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Melissa Aronson [mailto:aronson@aptalaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: support for public radio and satellite communications

Please, please, please support Public Radio and the satellite communication that enables it. Public Radio is vital to the health and safety of all Alaskans, especially those in the rural areas. Public Radio provides us with all sorts of necessary and timely information about weather issues, road conditions, public announcements, and information. During this current viral pandemic, Public Radio is our best source of information about what the State and local governments are doing to help us protect ourselves.

I am from Haines and our Public Radio station, KHNS, provides us with weather forecasts, safety information, road conditions, ferry schedules and so much more. Without KHNS life in Haines would be difficult. Statewide programs such as Talk of Alaska and Alaska News Nightly are important sources of information for us. Commercial television provides an Anchorage-centric view of the state and little of use in Southeast. We need our public radio station.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Public Radio.

Melissa Aronson
PO Box 616 (371 Beach Rd.)
Haines AK 99827
(907)766-2185
aronson@aptalaska.net

Doniece Gott

From: Anne Garrett [\[redacted\]](#)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fully fund Alaska Public Media

At a time like this, when our state is absolutely dependent on accurate, accessible timely information we must fully fund Alaska Public Media. Please fully fund Alaska Public Media or even give above and beyond so that all our state may remain safe and informed. Please do all you can.

Sincerely,
Anne Garrett
2646 Lee Street
Anchorage, Alaska
99504
(907)223-4882

Doniece Gott

From: Howard Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund Public Radio

I support the budget item funding Alaska public radio.

Everyday, driving in my car or at home, I tune in to Alaska public radio in order to better understand what is happening in the state. They provide exceptional coverage of topics including news, culture, Alaska living and history.

There is no source as reliable, consistent, and high quality as Alaska public radio.

They are irreplaceable.

Please approve their funding in this year's budget.

Thank you,

Howard Katz
1914 Dolly Varden Cir
Anchorage, AK 99516

Nukeskat@me.com

Doniece Gott

From: John Damberg john_damberg@gci.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:54 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support of the AK State Budget for public radio and satellite communications

Greetings Senate Finance Committee members.

My name is John Damberg and I live at 1600 Wolverine St, Anchorage, AK 99504 with my wife Angela Dewey. We are avid supporters and members of AK Public Radio and television. We strongly urge you to support the proposed \$1 million dollar budget for public radio and \$879 for satellite communications. Alaska Public Radio and TV. are important sources of news and entertainment for Alaskans on a statewide basis with consistent factual reporting and updates on the news.

Please support this budget for the good of all Alaskans!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Damberg and Angela Dewey

John Damberg
john_damberg@gci.net

(907) 332-3234

Doniece Gott

From: Larry Rundquist [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget Comment

Greetings...

As a 4 decade member of KSKA, I am in support of continued funding of public radio to bring balanced news coverage to Alaska residents. Please provide continued support for public radio in your budget.

Larry Rundquist

2912 Alder Dr

Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Doniece Gott

From: Chris Myers [mailto:chris@kaska.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for PBS

To the members of the finance committee:

As we go through the corona virus crisis, KSKA has been a reliable source of accurate information keeping Alaskans up to date as this pandemic develops, and providing us with the information we need to keep safe and healthy. No other information source has the depth and breadth of coverage. For some of our rural communities, public radio and television are the only information sources available.

In addition, while all students are out of school due to virus related closures, PBS TV offers educational programming that is not found through any other source. The times that we are now experiencing demonstrate vividly why it is vital to provide needed funding for this statewide information service.

Chris Myers
13300 Badger Ln
Anchorage AK. 99516

Doniece Gott

From: Conor McManamin ~~conor@alaska.com~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Funding

I strongly support state funding for public media broadcasting forums. I receive most of my up to date information from public media sources. Our state and its constituents strongly need support at the government level to secure access to the robust information that is delivered daily from our hard working people in public media. Please support funding for such critical information sources for our people.

Thank you,

Conor McManamin
4th generation Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Peggy Cobey ~~peccobey@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio is essential

Please continue funding for public radio without considering additional cuts. Public radio is the only station that provides high quality diverse programming. During this pandemic NPR is a reliable source I can count on to receive accurate information. I highly value this public service. This is a unique and valuable service that can not be replicated by commercial stations.

Sincerely, Peggy Cobey 38 year AK resident

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Ley Schleich <lschleich@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support funding public media

Honorable members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to ask that in your deliberations on the state budget you recognize the critical role public media plays in keeping our citizens informed and engaged in all aspects of life, and *increase the funding* for public radio and satellite communications. Especially given the loss of funding over the last year, and the ongoing need for operations and maintenance and upgrades, and given the fact that public broadcasting has historically received a substantial portion of its funding from non-governmental sources, increased funding this year is warranted, even to the \$2million level.

Now more than ever you must recognize the *essential* role public media plays in our public health, getting accurate information and critical instructions out to the members of our communities. And even when not dealing with a worldwide pandemic, public radio and satellite communications contribute in significant ways to our quality of life and serving the needs of the state government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Ley Schleich, super-voter since 1990
3035 Brittany Pl.
Anchorage, AK 99504

Doniece Gott

From: Faith Moeller
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: More funding for media

Dear Sirs: I am firmly for more funding for media in our state. I teach in Kotzebue for 10 months of the year and just keeping the radio on during the year to hear news, local happenings, etc. is so needed since we are so remote. Please keep the funding for satellites in the budget and increase it if you can! Faith Moeller, 6th Grade Math/Science instructor, KHMS

Doniece Gott

From: Christine Dittrich cdittrich997@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget for public media

I am writing to testify in support of the proposed budget allotments for public media. Particularly in this time of extreme uncertainty, I find myself relying more on public media to keep me abreast of the latest updates from the state, from the community and also nationally. I feel that public media is even more necessary in these times of social distancing. I do not want to have my access limited to only what is presented on a profit based channel or station. Please keep full funding for public media.

Sincerely,

Christine Dittrich
2008 W 46th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99517

Doniece Gott

From: Jack Foster <outlook_DE93688688814522@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Public Media Support

I understand that you are going to be voting on money to be provided to the Public TV and Radio station this Wednesday. I hope that you will at the very least NOT reduce the amount provided to them. If anything an increase would be a very good and smart move. I personally watch some shows and I even have my TIVO set to record some shows. Just like public TV not all shows appeal to everyone. They have a very good cross section of programming and I certainly hope you will fit to make it possible for them to continue providing this by properly funding them. Thank you very much, 3D Jack Foster.

Doniece Gott

From: John Dunker & Amy Paige paigedunk@alaska.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Increased funding for public radio

Dear Senators:

I have long relied on and deeply appreciate my local public radio station, KTOO, and especially in fraught times like these when solid information is so essential. I also value the way APRN coordinates with public radio stations around Alaska to help hold us together. Please continue to support this vital service, with funding at least at the level in the proposed budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Dunker

Juneau

Doniece Gott

From: KIW [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding of Alaska Public Media

Dear Finance Committee Members,

Please fund Alaska Public Media as generously as possible. I am an avid listener and contributor. I know many, many people who also listen and most do not contribute. It kills me to keep my mouth shut, and sometimes I don't succeed. I feel like it's stealing... they see it another way, I suppose.

Anyway, the quality, honesty and integrity of public radio news is undeniable. The value of public radio programs such as **The Moth Hour, Mountain Stage, All Things Considered, TED Talks, Marketplace with Kai Ryssdal, and OF COURSE Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me** is incomparable. The music I hear on KNBA, Native Alaskan radio, is inspirational. I end up asking my phone, "Siri, what song is this?" and then I go buy it! Never had I done that before I became hooked on public radio!!

So please, take my word for it as I am always a vociferous one, please, please, please be as generous as you possibly can with our national, state and municipal serving public media. Thank you so much.

Kirsten Wendt
907-360-2099
P.O. Box 110412
Anchorage, AK 99511

Doniece Gott

From: Katie McCafferty ~~katie.mccafferty@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony on budget for public media

My name is Katherine McCafferty and I am a registered voter and a listener and watcher of public media. I am writing in support of the \$1 million proposed in the budget for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications.

Public media is an important source of national and public news and information. Just this week, the Municipality of Anchorage used Alaska Public Media to disseminate important information that was important and immediately relevant. In addition

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media support

To whom it concerns,

Please support or increase the proposed budget for public media. There is nowhere else to obtain the critical information and quality entertainment their platforms provide. Just one recent example is the 1.5 hour long presentation by the mayor of Anchorage addressing the measures being taken during the coronavirus crisis broadcast Monday evening.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Judith Myers
PO Box 325
Girdwood

Doniece Gott

From: Jeanette Alas ~~jeanette@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media

I am writing to ask your support in passing legislation to fund public radio in Alaska. It is an excellent source of news and information provided at no cost to us, which makes it a rare equalizer. I recognize I am in a position where I can afford to be a sustaining member of Alaska Public Media, but I know not everyone can. I am asking for your funding support of behalf of those listeners who can't afford to contribute. Having access to this quality reporting at a time of crisis, like the earthquake over a year ago and the current COVID-19 pandemic, is a game changer for Alaskans. Please make this continued access available.

Thank you,
Jeanette Alas

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for public Media

Public media is very important to residents of the state of Alaska.
Please approve or increase the funding to be voted upon soon.
Unbiased, no commercials mean more important news reaches Alaskans.
It is where I get my news. Other programming I enjoy also and is very important to me and my well being.
PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC MEDIA.
Sincerely, Hannah Davis Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Amy McFarlane ~~amy.mcfarlane@alaska.gov~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I Support Funding for Public Television and Radio

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

I have lived in Alaska for more than 30 years, and vote regularly. I am also, like many Alaskans, a sustaining member of Alaska Public Media.

I understand that the budget proposal currently under consideration includes \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communication. In these lean times, there are many competing priorities for state dollars. I feel that public media should be one of the highest priorities for funding. Public radio and television are valuable sources of information. Public media provides national, state and local news, including state and local election coverage. It also offers excellent educational programming for adults and children in our state. The news resources provided by public media are even more important now, so that accurate and timely information about the corona virus can be disseminated throughout the state.

I strongly urge you to retain the proposed funding for public media in the budget. Please do not let these resources go dark.

Thank you.

Amy McFarlane

Doniece Gott

From: Sally Young ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee

Please support public radio. Particularly in the current climate, many will not be able to afford satellite television and will need a reliable source of information and entertainment.
Sally Young