

Doniece Gott

From: Tom Braund <cobra@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: RE: HB205, SB154 3/19/20

Put the PFD back in and back-pay it in full.

Cut spending on non-essential infrastructure. Sure it will hurt but you don't need to do all of it at once; just go with Governor Dunleavy's line item vetos.

Constitutionally, only essential infrastructure is allowable.

The rest, the People vote on.

Tom Braund
Sutton, Alaska
907-745-7473

Doniece Gott

From: Skculbertson <Skculbertson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; Pam Foreman
Subject: Keep our local radio Stations strong

To whom it may concern,

Now more than ever we need to keep our local public radio stations strong. Not only do they provide entertainment and news stories, but they connect us to each other in these trying times. Right now our local public radio station in Kodiak, KMXT, is interviewing our local support staff and getting the facts out to our town about what is really going on with shipping, our groceries stores and our police and health workers. It is a voice of calm and truth in this trying time. Please help keep our radio station alive and well!

Sarah Culbertson
Small business owner

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Ck B <ckbower319@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please fund public radio

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for proposing a \$1 million budget for public radio. KMXT is a valuable source of information for Kodiak residents. In 2018 after the 7.9 earthquake, KMXT personnel stayed on the air all night directing people to safe shelters and giving updates on the expected tsunami. KMXT is a huge asset to our island community when it comes to local news and emergency messages. They recently adapted their programming to cover the COVID-19 crisis with a new show called "The Lowdown".

Many organizations in Alaska are asking for money this year. Please don't neglect the ones that provide important informational services to Alaskans who don't live in the big cities where resources are more plentiful.

Thank you.

Cindy Bower
PO Box 1383
Kodiak, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Michael G Decker <michaelgdecker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB205,SB154

I strongly oppose these bills!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Doniece Gott

From: Cindi Lagoudakis <trembladakis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB 205 and SB154

Good morning,

I am addressing my brief comments to the Finance Committee. I wish to express support for funding for public radio in general. It's worth is especially noted during this critical time of coronavirus response.

I am concerned about the lack of transparency in oil taxation and in the generous incentives to oil industry to encourage drilling in Alaska. I think this funding could be reigned in.

I firmly support the Alaska Marine Highway System and regular, safe, frequent travel between coastal communities. These ferries are a lifeline to medical services including childbirth services, groceries, recreation, education and business, not to mention visitor travel. Service needs to be strengthened and restored. AMHS is an identified state "essential service" and should be treated as such.

To that end, the \$40 million funding for the proposed Kake-Petersburg Road, the funding for which originated in Roads to Resources, needs to be shifted to the Alaska Marine Hwy System. This proposed road is highly controversial, has wildly speculative benefits, was analyzed by Federal Highways Administration once already and found not to meet its stated purpose, and takes ferry access physically off the island on which Petersburg is located which means foot traffic into our downtown core (and the revenue it generates) will now be eliminated. Andy Hughes of ADOT previously acknowledged to the Petersburg Assembly back in around 2013 that declining state maintenance funds would not likely be available for such a low use road. Senator Stedman seems to be the primary champion of this project, for reasons none of us can determine. Kake residents told FHWA that if built, they would not use the road. Petersburg would have no easy access, as it would require a vehicle and a shuttle ferry to even get to the road. Who would operate that shuttle is a question, as it would not be a profitable private business opportunity. Unlike the ferry system, the road would be unreliable and unavailable during the winter.

I wish to express support for funding for education, including the University system. We need to stop gutting our universities. They provide education, research and economic value as well.

And finally, I advocate an override of the Governor's veto of fund capitalization for Community Assistance, and am in favor of restoration of additional funds to keep communities as whole as possible during these challenging times.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cynthia Lagoudakis
Petersburg, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Mary Forbes <mmeforbes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Support

Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Kodiak Public Radio Board of Directors to support your budget and thank you for including \$1,000,000 for public radio. As you know, the state cuts have devastated local stations at a time when they are more important than ever. Kodiak's public radio station has always been instrumental in providing crucial information to our citizens about tsunamis, severe weather and road conditions as well as broadcasting school board, city council and borough assembly meetings. Our local news staff and fisheries reporters are also vital to our community. Now, in response to the extraordinary COVID-19 pandemic, KMXT continues to keep our community informed with the latest developments both on air and on their website. A new local show called the Lowdown is providing local information daily by interviewing a community leaders about their areas of expertise. So far, they have aired interviews with KIBSD Superintendant Larry a LeDoux, Kodiak Community Health Clinic Administrator Carol Austerman and Safeway manager Mike Murray. These interviews have been informative and helpful in guiding Kodiak citizens during this unprecedented pandemic. Now more than ever, the importance of public radio to the state of Alaska is clear. Please keep support for public radio in the budget.

Sincerely,

Mary Forbes
Vice President
Kodiak Public Radio Board of Directors

Doniece Gott

From: Connor Caldwell <caldwell_connor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio funding

To whom it may concern,

I would like to start this testimony by saying i hope it finds everyone well in these interesting and ever changing times. I am writing in today to advocate for a greater funding amount for public radio in our state. Here in Kodiak our public station KMXT provides a vital source of accurate and unbiased information. I personally listen on a daily basis and find the reporting to be the most accurate, sensical, and fact based out of all the news sources i frequent.

Specifically during times of crisis, KMXT has been a valuable resource for the community of Kodiak, whether it be earthquakes, tsunamis, or our current pandemic, it provides a vital informational link between the people and entities/people that the average person may not have access to in times when accurate information is crucial to the well being of the community. Recently our local station has been holding daily interviews with our local grocery and shipping companies, public health officials, and other important entities in our community. This has allowed our community to avoid panic and make informed decisions on how best to protect our families health, and simultaneously support our community as a whole.

I encourage all of our legislators to see public radio as more than just a line item in vast a budget. But to see it as what it really is, a necessity for maintaining a well informed and healthy community. I appreciate your time and consideration and hope that you can find a way to fund and support our public stations across the state.

Regards,

Connor Caldwell
Kodiak, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Dan Urban <j.dan.urban@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Budget

I strongly support the proposed \$1 million in the budget for public radio. Recent events have re-enforced the need for public radio in Alaska as a source of unbiased and up to date information. If anything you need to consider increasing the budget as an investment in the health and safety of our state.

Thanks,

Dan Urban.
Kodiak

Doniece Gott

From: Sheila Beardsley <sheilabeardsley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio

Dear Senate Finance Committee;

Please support the full budget for public radio. I know it takes more than the budget to keep public radio on, that is why I am happy to do my part and donate each year to KMXT in Kodiak. I live in town and at a remote fish camp where we get just one radio station (KMXT). We rely on public radio to inform us of all things, including through the night for tsunami information. Now, I tune in for public health emergency information that affect our community. KMXT in Kodiak brings us key information from local, state, and national people. Through public radio, we are informed about resources and updates about events. Please pass the \$1 million proposed budget for Alaska's public radio.

Thank you,
Sheila Beardsley

Doniece Gott

From: Dave Kubiak <yarevik9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio

I support public radio with contributions.

Alaska must support public radio as well, as a means of getting news and information to small town Alaska.

Please don't turn your back on small town Alaska. Support public radio.

Dave Kubiak
Kodiak

Doniece Gott

From: Jeff Bochart <mule58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding

All I can add to the long list of heartfelt testimonies is just a simple "please."
Our public radio is close to the heart of many of us. In these days, more than ever.
Please help these stations to stay afloat

Indeed Sincerely,
Jeff Bochart
39mi Haines Hwy
Haines, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Michael G Decker <michaelgdecker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD

I demand a full PFD payment for all Alaskans!
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Doniece Gott

From: Genevieve Stevens <klop@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please fund Alaska Public Radio!!!

Please fund Alaska Public Radio. Public radio stations are a lifeline for accurate and up to date information locally, statewide and nationally. Through oil spills, earthquakes, tsunami warnings, major storms and now the COVID 19 crisis, local radio stations (KMXT here) become a steady, reliable, reassuring and crucial wheelhouse of information for Alaskans. Please fund Alaska Public Radio.

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: mary <mlowrey5@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Letter of support for public radio

To: Alaska State Senate Finance Committee

Re: Funding for local NPR station

I sincerely hope you reinstate funding for our only radio station. KOTZ Radio is the only radio station for the entire Northwest Arctic region. It connects the 11 villages in our region with valuable news, public service announcements and community updates.

Today on Wellness Wednesday PHN Indigo Jicha gave health information to our region on the Covid-19 pandemic. Her interview gave the region current information on how to keep safe and informed.

I have lived in Kotzebue for nearly 40 years and our radio station is clearly unique in the functions it provides. It is very important to the lives of everyone in our region. It is appreciated to all of us in the way it provides day to day information. And more importantly in times like this with our communities facing a pandemic it is invaluable. Our communities need this service.

Please in time of this national emergency reinstate funding for public radio, which is an extremely valuable source of accurate information.

Mary Reeve

Retired Public Health Nurse

Doniece Gott

From: Clifford Gertz <cliffmary.gertz@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: KMXT Kodiak

Good Morning, I have been a volunteer at Kodiak KMXT radio station for 20 years. I feel our community has always supported us through out the years. KMXT is like a heart beat for our community. They provide Kodiak island with valuable information in time of need and provide local programs on the radio such as School Broad meetings, Kodiak Island Borough Assembly meetings and so on. Please consider keeping KMXT on the air. As a volunteer and a member of the radio station I support them. The staff of KMXT need your support now more then ever. Visit our website https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__KMXT.org&d=DwIFAg&c=Q8iJasR7RZ-J0Fd9RXD9ZA&r=Og2bEwh8nUkz6WCNOVV8XhdIxt9TVEKI281q8edr1G4&m=0J5uxZsAyMUkRu9Jk00-C6uEGP98rXQiomn6UqQzOsM&s=wl_uGmfp3dvZIYdyw-5WtyRaOpJQTHdGqZLeLxWj1ng&e= and see for yourself what we are all about. Thank you for your consideration. We need you now more then ever, please make a difference.

Thank you,

Mary Patterson

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Patricia Lods <patlods@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:01 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding for kmxt local radio

On a fairly isolated region of Alaska KMXT RADIO supplies local residents with up-to-date news and emergency news and we rely on this radio station. Please please fund this public station.

Accurate programming and current news is important to the people of Kodiak. Many people do not even have TV; the radio is all we have.

Please fund KMXT Public Radio in Kodiak

Patricia Lods
182 Alimaq Drive
Kodiak ak. 99615

Pat

Doniece Gott

From: Dave Schuckman <daveschuckman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Funding

Greetings. My comment on your budget meeting is that I support public radio and urge you to do the same. At a minimum, maintain or better yet increase their funding. I do make yearly donations as I appreciate their programs and keeping us informed. Sincerely, David Schuckman
Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: bferris@alaska.net
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: financial support for public radio

I'm sending this email to your committee in support of the \$1,000,000 or more funding you can approve for public radio. Here in Kodiak, public radio is the life line to our community. During the tsunami warning we had a few years ago, to the current covid 19 crises we are currently facing, our local public radio is keeping our community informed and up to date. I know these are difficult times for the state, but I feel this money would be well spent by our state.

Bryan Ferris
Kodiak, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Jan Chatto <janchatto@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:30 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio

To whom it may concern:

Right now I am in Chile working hard to get home to Alaska during these trying times. Communication is key to handling this crises and public radio is Alaska's portal to important information. I ask for your support funding public radio.

Sincerely,
Jan Chatto
Kodiak

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Sharon Blakeslee <msblakeslee@ak.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Funding

Senate Finance Committee members.

I SUPPORT the currently proposed \$1 million funding level for PUBLIC RADIO for the State of Alaska.

I have lived in Alaska since 1985 and in Kodiak since before the 1989 oil-spill.

In Kodiak, KMXT Public Radio IS our source of information during any challenging time. During the earthquake and tsunami warning last year, as the tsunami sirens blared in the night for nearly 4 hours, our Public Radio was the calm informed voice of reason. Today, in this VERY scary time of COVID-19, our Public Radio is helping the community sort the facts from the rumors & confusion, to protect the local public's health & safety. KMXT Public Radio's strong presence is critical to Kodiak's residents' health & safety.

We actively fund raise for Public Radio but to continue the board community based services that KMXT provides to our community, we need a massive funding commitment from the State.

Thank you for providing AS MUCH STATE FUNDING for Public Radio as is possible.

Thank you,
Sharon Blakeslee
KMXT supporter and
Kodiak Resident

Doniece Gott

From: Herman Nick <hermnick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:51 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Broadcasting

Please increase funds for Public Broadcasting.

Doniece Gott

From: mlhayes333@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I Support Public Radio

Hello--

I would like to add my voice to many others, in requesting that financial support of Public Radio be continued for our community. It is a vital link of information, not only in disasters or emergencies, but during one's everyday life. Especially at this time with the corona virus, on-going broadcasting is absolutely vital, and potentially life-saving.

Sincerely, MaryLee Hayes 2611 Hiland Rd. Eagle River, AK 99577

Doniece Gott

From: Lillian Crites-Flesher <lillipottery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska public media

Greetings!

Please continue to level fund or increase the funding for Alaska Public Media. It is a vital resource to the state since it helps us stay connected on so many levels, both essential and cultural. Safety, education, and cultural connections are only possible with full funding of this resource.

Sincerely,

Lilian Crites-Flesher, Chugiak, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Pat Virden <pat7.pv@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB 205

We support an immediate payout of emergency PFD by payment of the omitted portion of last year's statutory calculation.

This is easily set up & payable using last year's recipients. It would provide immediate relief for our hard-working families and all Alaskans suffering under the stresses of life in the time of COVID19. Thank you.

Eugene & Patricia Virden
Eagle River, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Larry Van Daele <kodiaklarry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public radio funding

Please vote to fully fund public radio here in Alaska. During these trying times of economic stress and pandemic we need accurate and up-to-date information more than ever here in rural Alaska, and public radio is the best source of information.

Thank you for your service to our great state.

Larry Van Daele
3401 Antone Way, Kodiak, AK 99615

Sent via fat fingers, ageing eyes and an autocorrect with a sick sense of humor

Doniece Gott

From: betsy lund <betsylund@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please fund public radio

To the Senate Finance Committee:

Please consider fully funding the proposed \$1 million for public radio. Its services are vital to our community. This week in particular, I have not turned off our local station, KMXT, in Kodiak. Their coverage of local response to the CoVID-19 event is invaluable. In recent memory, their services guided us through a damaging windstorm and subsequent 2-day power outage; a number of years back, a very serious tsunami threat (Japan earthquake); and then the more recent tsunami threat (Alaska earthquake).

Additionally, our radio station is a beacon for local events and news. I don't know how to express how important that is to me for keeping abreast of issues important to my young family. It's not a dying medium on our island. We rely on it. Please help us keep it alive.

Sincerely,

Betsy Lund

Doniece Gott

From: Hans U. Tschersich <xrayhans@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Public Radio

I strongly support the continuation of public funding of Public Radio in Alaska of at least at the current level.

Hans Tschersich, Kodiak

Doniece Gott

From: Daniel Billman <vincentalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for funding Public Radio and Satellite Communications

I support Alaska Legislature funding \$1 million for public radio and \$879,500 for satellite communications in Alaska.

Public radio is a vital part of our state and often the only way many residents get their news, hear important announcements, or just relax with and be entertained. I see funding these as good investmetns

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Doniece Gott

From: Shannon Spring <sspring@ucsd.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB 205 SB 154

Greetings Members of the Senate Finance Committee, I understand that you are considering these bills for our state. Please know that thousands of us depend on the Marine Highway and request that you fully fund the ferry system and if not, please, at the very least give us advanced notice and phase out routes so that we can adapt to life on different schedules. We can grow used to life with fewer ferries, but sudden drastic changes make life and survival difficult for everyone that depends on the system.

Thanks,
Shannon Spring
Unalaska Music Teacher
907-205-0022

Doniece Gott

From: Velma Vining <velma.vining@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:05 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support public radio

Good evening,

I just starting donating money monthly to support our local public radio station. During any community emergency, KMXT supports the community by getting the word out to everyone. We need public radio. We need to support public radio as a state government.

Kind regards,

~Velma

Doniece Gott

From: Melissa Witteveen <mkwittev@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Small public radio

Please commit to financially supporting public radio in small Alaska communities. Reliable, informative, and local information that is communicated via public radio can be invaluable.

As a medical practitioner during this most recent public health crisis, I have been thrilled by the information provided by our local public radio to support my patients.

Thank you,
Melissa Witteveen
Board Chair of Kodiak Public Broadcasting

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Dan Busch <cohokodiak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please SUPPORT Alaska Public Media!

Please support Alaska Public media. In these dark times, we rural residents depend upon them!

Thank you,
Dan Busch
Kodiak, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Randy Busch <rrbkodiak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Support!!!

Please support Alaska Public media. In these dark times, we rural residents depend upon them!

Thank you,
Randy Busch
Kodiak, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Robert Liftee <raliftee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Radio Budget Consideration

It goes without saying that your challenges are numerous and complicated and I seriously doubt that I'm capable enough to render what would be a fair and impartial decision as to what our would be best for all that is needed within our state.

The value and benefit of our PBS is without question, but its value was even more evident recently when Anchorage presented valuable guidance to its citizens regarding the challenges of the corona virus pandemic.

Like many others, I too, am a financial supporter and I ask for your support as well to allow this institution to continue with its contribution to our public benefit.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

s/Robert A.L. Liftee
907-349-9828

Doniece Gott

From: Kristine <lillykris@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media

Support Public Media!

I've listened to and watched so many memorable programs on public radio and TV. Don't dumb down Alaska.

Kristine Valencia

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Erika Burr <burrlike@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: State Operating and Capital Budget Written Testimony

Dear Senators,

Thank you for your continued hard work protecting vulnerable Alaskans and building a strong Alaska for generations to come. You know that Alaskan communities deserve quality schools that provide opportunities to succeed from pre-K through post-secondary and professional programs.

I urge you to ensure that schools are fully funded and that per-student allocations are *not* reduced. One huge consequence of funding reduction is an increase in class sizes. The true impact is that teachers do not have the opportunity to know the majority of their their students as individuals and as learners with unique needs. Good teaching is based on knowing the strengths, interests and needs of our students. The relationships absolutely do matter! Which teachers do you remember learning the most from? Most of us learned best from teachers who got to know us, took an interest in our potential and tailored instruction and assessment to our needs.

Please work with your colleagues to ensure that Alaska's students and our schools and Universities are *not* the victims of our fiscal crisis. Our future and current generations are counting on you!

Again, thank you for your hard work! We really do appreciate it!

Sincerely,
Erika G Burr
125 Carlyle Way
Fairbanks 99709

Doniece Gott

From: Everette Burk <everette.burk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Alaska Public Media

Dear Legislative Finance Committee,

I am a life-long Alaskan of nearly 50 years. I grew up listening to KSKA and watching quality TV programing on KAKM (known to me as 'Chanel 7' back then). As an adult, KSKA and KNBA are on in my house constantly.

Though, like you, I travel a lot for work these days, I still tune in and depend on AKPM to stay up to date with happenings in Alaska. Programs such as Alaska New Nightly and Talk of Alaska. help me stay informed and to hear from Alaskans. Specifically, I enjoy listening to the ideas of Alaska's leaders in person and not in single-line quotes from the paper. AKPM is a vital source for these interactions in a state that has few news and media outlets that are able to produce the same quality and volume that AKPM does.

I ask that you please support Alaska Public Media as fully as possible so that current generations can enjoy he quality programming I did as a child, and so that Alaskans can stay in touch and hear from one another as in-person as possible in such a Great Land.

Kindest regards,
Everette J. Burk

Doniece Gott

From: John & Anne Herschleb <herschleb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public media

I'm writing to support the budget line item for public media.

Thanks

John Herschleb

440 E 56th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99518

Doniece Gott

From: Susan Padilla <jccspadilla@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Media Funding

Please ensure the 1 million dollars stays in the budget for Public Media. I would be understating it to say , that in this Pandemic I would be completely lost without my local Public Radio station. I am dependent on them as a Senior Citizen to find out what I can expect from my community, my State and my country. Without funding you are stopping a vital source of information to the community. A safe source of information. Why would you do that.
Please, Please leave the monies in the budget for Public Media

Thank you
Susan Padilla
Sitka Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Cameo Dawn <cameodawn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Public Radio

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Cameo Padilla and I am a resident of Sitka, Alaska. I am writing to request the Senate Finance Committee allocate a minimum of \$1 million to support Public Radio in next year's budget. Maintaining a strong public radio network is critical to the health of our communities. It connects us, providing a conduit for accurate, real time information on important issues and a space to celebrate/share our unique cultures and stories.

We are currently witnessing the importance of access to accurate and timely information. In Sitka, our public radio station, KCAW, has created COVID-19 Hub. It is a single location citizens can go to get up to date, accurate information on how this pandemic is affecting our community, our state, and our country. This is a critical service and public radio alone provides this service in our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sincerely,
Cameo Padilla