

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to refrain from rescinding earlier approved funds for**
 2 **the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is a private, nonprofit
 5 corporation authorized by the United States Congress in the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967
 6 and its mission is to ensure access to noncommercial, high-quality content and
 7 telecommunications services; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Corporation for Public Broadcasting funds a network of independent
 9 stations that provides free and accessible programs and community services to nearly 99
 10 percent of the nation, regardless of population density, income, or geographic challenges; and

11 **WHEREAS** the Corporation for Public Broadcasting does not produce programming
 12 or manage stations but acts as the steward for the federal appropriation for public media; and

13 **WHEREAS** the state has 27 public radio stations and four public television stations
 14 that serve communities across the state, and these stations provide essential services,
 15 including emergency alerts, weather reports, and local news; and

16 **WHEREAS** some rural stations in the state rely on funding from the Corporation for

1 Public Broadcasting for over 50 percent of the station's operational budget; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Juneau public broadcasting station provides access to state
3 government through the statewide broadcast of Gavel Alaska; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Corporation for Public Broadcasting plays a critical role in sustaining
5 stations in the state where local fundraising can be limited by population density and
6 geographic challenges; and

7 **WHEREAS** federal funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting only costs
8 each American taxpayer about \$1.60 a year; and

9 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has proposed rescinding
10 \$1,100,000,000 of prior funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the United
11 States Congress will be able to vote to support or reject this proposal on a simple majority
12 within 45 days after the request is introduced;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
14 Congress to refrain from rescinding earlier approved funds for the Corporation for Public
15 Broadcasting.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
17 of the United States; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
18 Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
19 delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 119th United States Congress.