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Mark Jensen, Mayor, Petersburg Borough
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Mr. Mayor and Petersburg Assembly:

KFSK is a full service media center serving all areas of the Petersburg Borough. Our broadcast service provides extensive service to the citizens of the borough, as well as to the borough government. As a public radio station we rely on the generosity of our members to fund our operations. Government grants also represent a significant percentage of our operating revenue.

The State of Alaska is facing a fiscal crisis resulting in difficult budget decisions. KFSK expected and indeed did receive a deep cut to the FY16 state operating grant. We expect the same in the FY17 budget. However, we believe the cuts both realized and proposed are disproportionate.

In FY16 the governor initially proposed an 18% cut to public radio and throughout the session that cut fluctuated from 60% to as deep as 100%. In the end, the cut was finalized at 18%.

Now as the state starts this new budget process the governor's proposed cut to public radio is 27%. So, again we expect a cut and we are working to absorb a cut while continuing to serve our mission to inform, enlighten and entertain.

Here's a historical look at the state operating grant for KFSK:

FY00 through FY09	\$150,000
FY10 through FY15	\$138,000
FY16 actual	\$112,000
FY17 proposed	\$81,000

Thus far KFSK has made cuts where we can without cutting services or personnel costs. While personnel changes may be forthcoming, our federal grant may be jeopardized should we drop below required staffing minimums per the Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant eligibility criteria.

Grants from the Petersburg Borough, State of Alaska, Corporation for Public Broadcasting combined with the tremendous generosity of the businesses and individuals in the community support KFSK's service to the community. Thank you for your continued support, and your consideration of our request for a resolution supporting our service to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas E. Abbott', written in a cursive style.

Thomas E. Abbott
General Manager, KFSK