

January 28, 2025

Opposition of House Bill 1255 –Relating to the use of Public Funds to support public broadcasting

House Political Subdivision and committee members,

I am writing to express my strong support for Prairie Public and the essential services it provides to North Dakotans. As a Prairie Public Business Development Representative, I have seen firsthand the positive impact it has on our state.

For me, Prairie Public represents connection—to our local history, fact-based journalism, and lifelong learning. During COVID, I relied on PBS KIDS to help with at-home schooling for my son. His teachers assigned tasks using PBS resources, and we turned to it even more during downtime to keep his learning going. Knowing that kids across North Dakota, no matter where they live, have access to this kind of quality educational programming—along with the Prairie Public Learning Express mobile trailer—means a great deal to me as a parent. And when severe weather or emergencies arise, I know Prairie Public is there, keeping our state informed and prepared.

Beyond its role in public safety and education, Prairie Public preserves local history through thoughtful storytelling and delivers fact-based news. At a time when reliable information is more important than ever, it remains a trusted source that brings our communities together.

I hope you'll continue to support this essential service that means so much to so many.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Camarillo