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North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
600 East Blvd Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Letter in Opposition to HB 1255

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a member of Prairie Public in opposition to HB 1255.

Prairie Public, in my estimation, is a vital resource for North Dakotans to receive news and information. During this past election cycle, I became disenfranchised with the national media and turned to Prairie to get news and information on local and federal elections – without all the hype and negativity. Prairie’s coverage of the current session of the legislature is another vital resource for North Dakota’s citizens.

In addition to news and information, Prairie Public offers great entertainment. I enjoy watching shows like **Nova** and **Nature** for the education they provide on a wide range of subjects. I recently watched a production entitled **Trapped in Paradise** which is a great example of one-of-a-kind historical and cultural documentaries on our state that Prairie Public frequently produces. As I was growing up, my family always tuned in to watch Lawrence Welk on Prairie Public. To satisfy the inner child in me, I love watching PBS Kids because the cartoons are nonviolent, educational and contain positive messages, even for senior citizens.

In short, public broadcasting is very much needed in the state of North Dakota. It provides education, up-to-the minute news and information, and rich family-oriented entertainment.

I ask that you vote no on HS 1255.

Sincerely,

Shannon Kay Rieman