Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I have worked for Prairie Public for 17 years. I ask you to please OPPOSE HB1255.

In the time I have worked for this organization, I have been honored to meet so many wonderful North Dakotans and learn of the rich history and culture that encompasses North Dakota. North Dakota is home to artists and musicians who deserve to have their stories be told, and Prairie Public is a vital resource to bring these stories to life. I have seen first hand the impact this organization has had on the people of the prairie region, and the appreciation and positive responses prove that it is an important resource to the citizens of North Dakota.

I ask you please to oppose HB1255. The people of North Dakota deserve to have their voices heard, and Prairie Public is an essential asset to do just that.

Sincerely, Cassie Pierce