

To: Senate State and Local Government Committee

Re: HB 1255

This short note is in opposition to HB 1255. I believe that North Dakota should continue funding for Prairie Public. Prairie Public is a treasured resource that allows our citizens access to the best in the arts, history, science, and many other areas. As an institution, Prairie Public has also produced its own documentaries and videos relevant to the North Dakota experience. I think of award-winning documentaries on Germans from Russia and their migration to America and how their foodways, art, and culture have enriched North Dakota. I think of the many Dakota Datebooks uncovering fascinating vignettes of North Dakota history. I think of the Prairie Mosaic shorts highlighting the music and visual arts of the Plains. And I think of Prairie Public's vital role in preserving indigenous history and storytelling. These North Dakota focused creations are not easily found on streaming sources. Only on Prairie Public can our citizens really learn about the rich tapestry of our state. Again, please do not support HB 1255.

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