Dear State Senators,

I am an educator in North Dakota and a proud supporter of Prairie Public. I urge you to support Prairie Public by voting in opposition to HB 1255.

My husband and I moved to Fargo five years ago. We bought a house in town, and we began to get to know the area by listening to Prairie Public radio. For us, it's been an important way to get to know our neighbors, as well as an important news source to help us be informed citizens on topics that impact our community.

Even more importantly, in my job as an educator, I often use the documentaries featured on Prairie Public in my classes. I believe that the best way to teach my students is to connect the topics we cover in class to issues that they care about, issues that impact our shared community. Prairie Public is the only organization that makes educational videos on topics that matter to our community, that documents our history in accessible ways to students. Prairie Public documentaries show them that our histories matter.

I will gladly continue to pay taxes to ensure the future of HB1255, and I urge you to vote in opposition of the bill. Keep our stories in our hands, for our students!

Sincerely, Amy Gore