

February 26, 2025

RE: **Opposition to HB 1255**

Dear North Dakota Senate State and Local Government Committee:

My name is Kerri Spiering and I live in Reiles Acres, North Dakota. I heard you are considering eliminating state funding for Prairie Public. I am writing in opposition to HB 1255.

Prairie Public provides great benefits to the state by providing educational programming, news, and arts. Prairie Public provides wonderful educational programming for children and adults including Sesame Street, Pinkalicious, Nova, and even painting classes. Prairie Public helps preserve and promote the state's cultural heritage, local history, and art including offering shows on Germans from Russia, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and history of the state. Most importantly, Prairie Public ensures that high-quality programming is available to everyone regardless of income, location, or access to expensive cable and internet services.

I urge you to **oppose HB 1255** and continue to **support Prairie Public**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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