

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Andy Garske and I live in Fargo, ND. I'm a member of Prairie Public, and I've also worked there for the past 10 years. I am writing to ask that you OPPOSE Bill HB1255.

In the decade I've served on staff I've had opportunities to preserve and share state and local history. I've met incredible North Dakotans and learned their stories. I have had the honor of celebrating and documenting the unique heritage and culture of our state. I've seen first hand the positive response and energy from community members when local artists and musicians are featured, and I love knowing that the educational programming produced by Prairie Public supports our youngest learners and community members.

I was born in North Dakota. I am proud to be from North Dakota, and I am proud to work for an organization like Prairie Public. I ask that you opposed Bill HB1255 to help preserve a service and resource to so many in our great state. Residents of North Dakota deserve free and accessible educational, local, historical, and news. Thank you for hearing my story.

Sincerely,

Andy Garske