

Dear Members of the North Dakota State Senate,

We are writing this letter in strong opposition to HB 1255. We believe it would be an unconscionable mistake to remove state funding for Prairie Public. We have been financial supporters of Prairie Public for almost 30 years. We benefited from Prairie Public programming when we were children. Our children also benefited from this programming. Prairie Public's educational programming helps prepare children for school. PBS Kids educational content has been rigorously researched, tested, and proven to help kids learn. As adults, we continue to enjoy the programming available on Prairie Public.

Prairie Public is a vital resource that has served our state for over 60 years. It provides free over-the-air educational and unbiased news programming and is a valuable resource to rural viewers across our state. In addition, Prairie Public provides statewide election coverage and sponsors debates during election years. We feel their coverage is non-partisan and unbiased. We believe this is very important.

Prairie Public content is absolutely wholesome and family-oriented. Their programming helps to preserve local history and culture through their documentaries and short features.

In summary, we strongly oppose HB 1255. We believe Prairie Public provides a vital service to our state and its communities. We ask for your support in defeating this misguided bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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