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North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing to express my opposition to Bill HB 1255. I am a member of Prairie Public Television and believe in the power of educational programming. Prairie Public provides free educational content for schools and families. I have a friend who worked in the education department there. I was greatly impressed by all she was doing for small towns in North Dakota and cities such as Fargo. Plus, I have a friend who is home schooling her son and there is an abundance of educational tools on there including hands on learning materials. Prairie Public is North Dakota's source for PBS KIDS, whose early educational content is rigorously researched, tested, and proven to help children learn.

It is a vital resource for North Dakotans and I have enjoyed it for as long as I have been alive. The historical and cultural documentaries, such as about the Germans from Russia are wonderfully produced. This information is relevant to many citizens of North Dakota. Prairie Mosaic shorts feature the art and history of our state. I have enjoyed watching many North Dakota musicians on there over the years. Plus, Dakota Datebook is a gem providing information such as "on this day in North Dakota history".

There are so many reasons to continue funding this great and very important resource for our state. It has great value for North Dakota's youth and adults, and therefore for the future of North Dakota.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely,
Sheri Wien