

Written Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 1255 'Should the State eliminate Funding for Prairie Public'

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To the Senate State and Local Government Committee:

On behalf of all the citizens of North Dakota, I strongly urge you to continue the state financial support for Prairie Public Television and Radio. It is vital to keep a well-informed citizenry, in city and especially rural locales, by presenting concise and balanced news reporting from the region and the nation. For over 60 years it has sustained and proven educational value to families and children from pre-school thru high school with excellent, innovative and engaging materials and tools for learning. As a member for over 40 years, I find the arts and culture presentations produced and provided by Prairie Public give me the respite I need as well as forever enriching and widening my world. It is essential.

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