

I am writing to give testimony to the value of public radio and tv in North Dakota.

Please vote no on the resolution to stop funding for this service.

I am a native to Bismarck, and returned here to open a medical practice in town, and to take care of my family as they aged and now have all passed on.

I have benefitted from Public Radio and TV since age 10, when it first appeared. It was an educational alternative to other radio and tv stations, providing local community news as well as connecting me to the whole state as my community, and to the national level. It is complete, it is educational, without bias and advertising or heavy marketing to the listeners.

I still listen to it and watch it daily and weekly, as do my kids and grandkids, as it promotes and celebrates life here in North Dakota . It is my main news and entertainment source, especially for local talent and news.

Not only have I been a member of Prairie Public for 45 years, I have also been a financial supporter for the last 20 years, giving to support shows that could not otherwise have been afforded.

It has been a major factor in living here , and staying here to have a fresh national and international approach to radio and television.

Please seriously consider the major loss to our state if funding would be reduced or eliminated.

Please listen to your constituents, to me, vote no to keep Public Broadcasting funded in ND.