

Members of the North Dakota Senate:

I implore you, as a lifelong resident of North Dakota, NOT to cut funding for the excellent services provided by Prairie Public Broadcasting. From my earliest childhood memories, the programs on “Channel 13” were a constant my parents/grandparents houses. Today, even though there are hundreds of options for cable and streaming channels, I still trust and value the programming provided by Prairie Public television—particularly the focus on local and regional topics. The rest of the country forgets us out here in the middle of the continent, so we must rely on our local broadcasters to document and share our local issues, history, and events. As someone who drives hundreds of miles each month, being able to find a station broadcasting North Dakota Public Radio is enormously important to me. There is simply no way to replace the educational material and vital regional news provided by Prairie Public Broadcasting. I am happy to have my tax dollars go to making sure others in the state can access this irreplaceable source of news and entertainment. The investment the state makes in this service is precisely what our Legacy Funds are meant to support.

Please vote to continue funding Prairie Public Broadcasting.

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