

Please vote in opposition to HB1255.

Prairie Public has been an invaluable part of my life. I grew up watching children's programming on Prairie Public, which exposed me to literature, geography, math, and science at a young age and helped me develop a lifelong love of learning. As a parent, I love sharing this tradition with my son and seeing him develop his love of learning and curiosity about the world around him. In addition to children's programming, Prairie Public provides free tools for educators. Within the last year, my local library worked with Prairie Public to host a premier of Carl the Collector and offer hands-on learning materials through the Prairie Public Learning Express mobile trailer. Both were excellent opportunities for the children in our community to learn through play alongside their grown-ups.

When I was a teenager, my parents introduced me to Prairie Public documentaries. Documentaries like Germans from Russia and Prairie Mosaic have enriched my life by teaching me about our region and helping me better understand the cultures that make up North Dakota. They also preserve the region's traditions for future generations in a captivating way that sticks with viewers long after they finish watching. My parents and I still talk about some of the documentaries that we watched together at least twenty years ago. Prairie Public not only preserves North Dakota's history, Prairie Public brings history to life through thoughtful storytelling.

Lastly, Prairie Public helps me be an informed citizen. In an era when so much political coverage is hidden behind a paywall, I count on resources like Face to Face, D'Ya NoDak, and North Dakota Legislative Review to help me make informed decisions and participate in the political process.

I trust Prairie Public to provide quality programming for the youngest to the oldest members of my family. Please continue funding this vital resource in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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