

Dear North Dakota Representatives,

I am writing in opposition to the bill that would eliminate state funding for Prairie Public Broadcasting now and in the future.

As a resident of the state, an educator, a parent, and an involved citizen, Prairie Public provides many valuable resources that enrich our statewide communities and it communicates about the cultural heritage, uniqueness, and wonders of our region! The programming is enriching, thoughtful, and makes me proud to be a citizen of our state. Some of this programming cannot be found or crafted elsewhere at the quality it is done, and it is essential to cultivating a sense of place and pride in our region—whether it's our small cities, state parks, recreation opportunities, history, or public events.

I URGE you to oppose the bill and thereby continue to fund Prairie Public with public funds-my taxpayer funds-now and in the future. Public Broadcasting should be supported by the public it serves, including a small portion coming from taxpayer dollars that can be counted on year-after-year.

North Dakotans deserve Prairie Public Broadcasting to be supported financially now and in the future.

Respectfully,

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