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To Honorable Senators, Members of the  
Senate State and Local Government Committee:

For the good of the citizens of our state whom you serve, please oppose HB 1255. Prairie Public Broadcasting is essential to North Dakota's quality of life. This quality of life is critical not only to citizens, but when attracting people to work and live in our state.

PPB provides vital information on our state's history and culture, not only to adults, but also for children through its educational programming. In terms of educational and entertaining programming, what individual has not themselves watched – or your children or grandchildren – Sesame Street! This is enriched, wholesome, quality entertainment parents can trust for their children.

No other entity in our state provides the extensive coverage of state news, including of the legislature, than Prairie Public.

The quality of adult entertainment is exceptional. Last evening we watched a concert by famous singer Andrea Bocelli, who incorporated music from country western to jazz to classical in a fabulous presentation not available on other media.

As a young woman and administrative assistant and press secretary to Governor Arthur Link, I was thrilled to be present when the bi-partisan legislation establishing public television and radio was passed. Leaders from both the Republican and Democrat parties agreed on the importance of this incredibly marvelous service for our state's citizens.

Please oppose HB 1255. Continue funding for this critical, life-enhancing service for North Dakota citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Satrom