

I strongly oppose HB 1255. In a landscape of hyper-partisan, private news sources, public broadcasting, funded with public dollars, provides a critical source of unbiased news and entertainment. Defunding such services weakens the strength of our democracy by creating a less informed electorate.

The importance of unbiased sources cannot be overstated, especially in the context of House Bill 1255. Informed decision-making relies on access to accurate and comprehensive information. Public broadcasters like Prairie Public strive to maintain high journalistic standards, ensuring that their audiences receive reliable news coverage. This commitment to objectivity helps foster a more informed and engaged citizenry.

By supporting public broadcasting, we help ensure that everyone has access to reliable information and diverse perspectives, which are crucial for a healthy, democratic society. The proposed bill threatens to undermine this vital resource, potentially leaving North Dakotans with fewer unbiased sources of information.

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