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I am writing because I am concerned over the elimination of state funding for Prairie Public via HB 1255. I encourage the North Dakota Senate to vote against this bill.

I have been a member of Prairie Public for more years than I can count, supporting it with what I can afford. My children grew up watching Prairie Public's children's programming, and as an adult, I have my favorite programs, such as Antiques Road Show, This Old House, Masterpiece Theater, Ken Burns, Rick Steves, and many more. The many documentaries that are produced by Prairie Public that feature the people and culture in our state are priceless. These types of programs are produced by no other television programming and support funding is needed by the state to insure continuation of this excellent programming.

I and fellow North Dakotans would be so disappointed in our elected state government if Prairie Public was not supported financially. We are a wealthy state – we can do this! Please vote against HB 1255.

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