As a lifetime member and supporter of Prairie Public we are <u>opposed</u> to HB 1255. We strongly believe Prairie Public should continue to receive state funding for the following reasons:

- Prairie Public brings free cultural and historical programing that we would not otherwise have access to as a rural state.
- Prairie Public's fact-based news at both the local and national level keeps us informed of the news and politics in our state and nation. It offers an opportunity for all listeners to understand current events, which is unmatched by any other media sources.
- As an ND educator for 40 years, I have used Prairie Public's educational programing as a resource with children, educators, and parents. We must continue this service for future generations.

As senior citizens of ND, we find Prairie Public to be a valuable resource for us to keep informed, current, and educated when at home or traveling. Please oppose HB 1255 so that Prairie Public can continue to receive state funding.

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