

Regarding North Dakota HB 1255, in opposition to the bill to discontinue state support for funding of public television:

During the inception of the Public Television station KFME (we called it “educational television”) in 1964 my elementary school collected “Hop Along Cassidy” Cass Clay Creamery milk top coupons to purchase our school’s first black and white television set. Groups of children were ushered into the auditorium and huddled around that small screen in awe to witness historic events like our early astronauts in space and the first spacewalk, presidential inaugurations and events related to the Civil Rights movement. The programs offered by Prairie Public Television since then have greatly expanded to offer vital and precious programming concerning local and national history, nature programs, news and drama of unprecedented quality. We cannot afford to lose this type of programming and owe it to this generation and the next to preserve this tradition of excellence. Please vote against HB 1255 in order to preserve funding for this vital public service.

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