

TO: Members of ND Senate

I urge you to oppose HB1255 which proposes to delete funding for Prairie Public. Prairie Public (PP) is so important to North Dakota for the following reasons:

1. PP provides free radio and TV to the entire state of North Dakota including the most rural areas.
2. PP's children's ready to learn programming is second to none. It is provided for FREE to local schools, day care programs, home schoolers. In a rural state that offers few pre-school options in many areas this is vital programming for our young children.
3. PP produces numerous programs that highlight the history and culture of our state. No other radio or TV station does that.
4. PP airs cultural, musical and dramatic programming from around the world- all for free.
5. PP controls the Early Warning System (EWS) to alert our residents of potential dangerous conditions.

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