

ND State Senators:

We are writing to ask you to OPPOSE HB 1255, a bill that would eliminate state funding for Prairie Public.

My husband and I believe that state funding should continue for Prairie Public TV and Radio. We have been long time viewers and supporters of PBS, probably our whole married life together, 42 years. We have never had cable, Dish or any other type of paid TV subscription.

PBS provides way more positive benefits and few if any negative side effects. We enjoy the music, arts, entertainment, history, culture, local/ regional programs, Prairie Plates, Finding your Roots, Antique Roadshow, This Old House and Call the Midwife, among many other programs.

Thanks to public radio, nearly everyone gets free access to local stories, prize-winning reporting, and diverse voices from across the country. Prairie Public keeps North Dakotans informed with fact-based journalism and coverage of the issues that shape our state no paywall, no barriers, just trusted news for all.

Again I would ask that you OPPOSE HB 1255. Do not cut the funding for this vital programming.

Respectfully,

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