

Dear ND Senate State and Local Government Committee:

We are proud Passport Members and financial supporters of Prairie Public, Grand Parents of 4, and regular viewers of Prairie Public television. We are providing this testimony in opposition to HB 1255.

The free, over the air broadcasts that Prairie Public provides are a great benefit to the citizens of North Dakota. The national news is fair, balanced and in depth. The local coverage of state politics, especially the candidate forums and debates, help us make informed decisions during election seasons. This service alone is worth the support of the state of North Dakota.

Prairie Public also provides the only regular broadcast coverage that we have found that focuses on the local history and culture of North Dakota and the region. These programs are educational and informative.

Our grand children also enjoy the safe and educational programming available on PBS Kids that is available through Prairie Public.

We are opposed to HB 1255 and support the continued financial support of the State of North Dakota of Prairie Public.

Thank you

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