

I am writing in strong opposition to cutting funding from Prairie Public. This broadcasting service is provided to the state and provides stories, music, art, and culture FROM people who live here FOR people who live here. They provide access to listen to local bands, view local artists, learn about local parks, animals, wildlife, birds, history... It is INSTRUMENTAL in maintaining the history and culture of NORTH DAKOTA. Through their local programming they give a window into this state. And they strive to SERVE this community. What is so wrong with educating ourselves about our history? What is so bad about paying for a LOCAL broadcaster to give us programming that suits us as North Dakotans. I'm proud of our public broadcasting and don't feel that it is in the best interest to cut that funding. We PAY for this funding as taxpayers of this state. Just like we pay for a lot of things here, like police stations and fire departments and state employees. As a citizen here I would like to continue seeing PUBLICALLY funded broadcasting provide services to our state. It is MUCH richer than national drivel that is pumped through the airwaves and cable networks and internet. Please don't cut off the broadcasting network that seeks to display North Dakota for all the things that make it great. We need LESS national news networks, and more local broadcasting.