

Prairie Public Broadcasting is a very big tent. North Dakotans of all ages, incomes, backgrounds appreciate and watch or listen to music and history programming and a whole range of well-produced educational programs.

Prairie Public is one of the important shared public spaces that appeals to and--thanks to legislative support--is available to all North Dakotans. That its educational content is free to all, that it is especially important to rural North Dakotans and to schools, and that it promotes a sense of belonging to a shared statewide history and culture--these are all reasons to continue building something that ND citizens have shown, for decades, that they voluntarily hold in common.

I urge you to support continued funding for Prairie Public and to oppose HB 1255.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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