

Greetings Mr./Madam Chair, members of the Committee, I'm Kathrin Volochenko of the **Nonpartisan League**.


I request that this committee bring this bill to the floor with a **"Do Not Pass"** recommendation for **House Bill 1255**

My reasons for opposing this bill are many, however for the sake of time and space, I will only name a few.

For over 45 years, I have been a recipient of some of the very best in TV programming in North Dakota and for the matter, anywhere.

- Groundbreaking children's shows; Mr Roger's Neighborhood, Sesame Street, Make a Wish, Reading Rainbow.
- Superb natural history documentaries such as Nature, Nova, The Blue Planet, Cosmos: A Personal Voyage.
- Unbiased news shows; PBS News Hour, Washington Week, Legislative Week in Review (ND Legislative news during session), BBC World News, Frontline.
- The world of finance; Wall Street Week.
- Hobbies and crafts; Painting With Paulson, Sewing With Nancy, The Woodwright's Shop, This Old House.
- Theater Arts and Musical Entertainment; Great Performances, The Lawrence Welk Show, Austin City Limits, Masterpiece.
- Historical Documentaries; American Experience, Secrets of the Dead.

Perhaps Fred Rogers said it best in 1969 when he testified before the U.S. Commerce Committee. Please take the time to view this YouTube link, it's only a duration of 6 minutes and 50 seconds, however he pretty well sums up how everyone here in opposition feels:

 [May 1, 1969: Fred Rogers testifies before the Senate Subcommittee on Co...](#)

Thank you for your time and attention.