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I am writing to ask you to consider voting “No” on HB 1255. I am a supporting member of Prairie Public and believe that public broadcasting serves an invaluable role in our society, providing educational content, unbiased news, and cultural programming that is vital to the well-being and enlightenment of our communities.

My wife and I rely on Prairie Public’s radio and television shows for our primary source of news and entertainment. The quality of news casting and television shows are excellent and offer an unbiased alternative to commercial sources.

The services provided by public broadcasting are indispensable. We believe the information they provide, educational content, and entertaining subjects benefit all demographic groups. Their in-depth news reports excel in covering local and global issues.

Prairie Public’s programs are free commercial interests, which helps in presenting information that is accurate and balanced. This independence is crucial in maintaining a well-informed public, which is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy.

The effects of these proposed cuts would be extensive. Educational programs, especially in underserved areas, may experience reductions or cancellations. News services that offer detailed analysis and reporting on societal issues may be impacted.

In closing, I urge you to vote “No” on HB 255 for eliminating funding for Prairie Public.

Thank you for this chance to express my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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