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Regarding House Bill 1255

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To the members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

I urge a strong NO vote on House Bill 1255. This bill prevent state funds from being used to support any public broadcasting - a move I strongly oppose. I am very frustrated and disappointed that the House voted to defund Prairie Public through this legislation, as Prairie Public provides many vital services in our state, from education to arts and culture to preserving and sharing North Dakota history, and - most importantly - being a reliable and trusted resource for local and regional news. I am a member of Prairie Public in large part because I believe in supporting local and regional news reporting at a time when that is dying away, especially in rural areas.

Today is the 8th anniversary of my move to North Dakota. I initially did not imagine I would stay in North Dakota for this long. Prairie Public has played a large role in helping me learn about, understand, and grow to love this place I now call home (I even married a North Dakotan!). Through Main Street, Dakota Datebook, and regular local news coverage, Prairie Public connects me to North Dakota's past, present, and future. It helps me be a more informed and engaged citizen of our great state. Public broadcasting is a public resource that benefits our communities and should be supported (in part) by public dollars. I am doing my part by supporting Prairie Public with my personal charitable giving. Please continue to do yours.

Again, I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1255. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Bull  
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