

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1255.

Growing up with Prairie Public and public broadcasting, I witnessed the strength and testament of being able to have public broadcasting when not having that much money. Coming from a family that did not have a lot initially growing up, we did not have the money to afford cable or satellite TV and relied on state broadcasting to give us educational television and educational programming that benefited my brothers and me. State funding for Prairie Public is essential for a strong educated public as well as educating our youth. As an English teacher, I have witnessed the power of education and the impact that can have on a child. We should look to continue state funding for something that should be an essential service for the people of North Dakota. As a citizen and teacher, I strongly urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1255.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
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