

As a retired teacher in a rural, small town high school, I strongly believe in the importance of Prairie Public Broadcasting. This radio and TV service is crucial in rural areas where access to news is limited. It is also important during emergencies, and lack of local broadcasting has proven to result in tragedies during emergencies.

Moreover, Prairie Public provides free access to diverse educational programming that is tested and vetted. Its news coverage is fact-based and unbiased.

For these and other many reasons, I am very opposed to HB 1255. I implore the ND Legislature to question the value of removing support for this highly appreciated public service.

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