

State and Local Government  
HB 1255  
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Chair Roers, Vice Chair Castaneda, and members of the Committee,

My name is Katie Christensen Mineer, and I am a resident of North Dakota. I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to HB 1255, which seeks to end state funding for public broadcasting in North Dakota. Prairie Public is a free and essential resource, especially for rural communities with limited access to news and information.

Through PBS WARN, public television provides the only nationwide situational awareness tool that enables public safety officials to track and assess the effectiveness of emergency alerts.

As North Dakota's source for PBS KIDS, Prairie Public delivers early educational content that is rigorously researched, tested, and proven to support children's learning.

Its news coverage ensures that all North Dakotans can engage in the political process as informed citizens.

Additionally, Prairie Public offers free educational tools for educators, including the Prairie Public Learning Express mobile trailer, which brings hands-on learning materials to schools, libraries, and homeschool groups across the state.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 1255. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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