

HB 1255

Senate State and Local Government

Chairwoman Roers and Committee Members

I support a Do Pass on HB 1255. Spending taxpayer dollars on private entities is not the role of government. Government was never intended to be a Charity. Giving taxpayer dollars to private companies is a violation of the North Dakota Constitution, Article X Section 18.

Furthermore, Republicans on Capitol Hill are aiming to defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) over public television and radio's unabashed left-wing slant.

Senator John Kennedy (R-La) introduced the No Propaganda Act last month.

Congressman Scott Perry (R-Pa) and Andy Ogles (R-Tenn) introduced a companion bill in the House of Representatives at the same time. The bill would simply terminate federal funding for the CPB, which distributes the funds to National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), not eliminate them.

"We're spending half a billion dollars a year...to give to people at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and NPR and [PBS] to participate in opinion journalism, which they're entitled to do," Kennedy Said on the Senate Floor. " But they can't do it on the taxpayer dime." I strongly urge a Do Pass on HB 1255.

Thank You, Gordon Greenstein

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