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

As a North Dakotan who strongly supports Prairie Public, I urge you to vote no on HB1255.

Prairie Public is providing an amazing service to citizens of all ages in the state. Their children's programming is consistently outstanding. In our family, my children and now my grandchildren have benefited from Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, Wild Kratts and many more excellent educational shows. For the rest of our family, there's so many top notch programs-history and cultures of North Dakota and the world, science, nature, dramas, music-there's truly something for everyone. The news shows on Prairie Public deliver factual and no drama reporting which is very much needed in these times.

I find it hard to understand why this bill has even been submitted. With funding from the state and members like me, Prairie Public is able to provide free programming to everyone in the state, providing quality programming to all. I appreciated it when we were starting out as a young family and a membership wasn't in the budget.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Haas