

H.B 1255 – March 7, 2025 Hearing
Senate State and Local Government Committee—Sen. Kristin Roers, Chair
Opposition Testimony

Chair Roers and members of the Committee, I am Vicki Voldal Rosenau, a resident of Valley City, ND. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my testimony in opposition to House Bill 1255.

Both support for public broadcasting and opposition to this extreme, unwarranted bill are strong across North Dakota.

When the House Political Subdivisions Committee held its Jan. 30 hearing, 29 members of the public made the effort and submitted testimony against HB 1255 via the North Dakota legislative website. Zero testimonies were listed in favor.

On the website last night at 8 PM, I found that 114 testimonies had already been submitted to your committee IN OPPOSITION to this bill. I did see 7 online testimonies listed “in favor,” but when I opened those files, I found that all 7 authors were advocating in favor of Prairie Public and against HB 1255! Apparently, they had all clicked on the wrong “Testimony Provided” option when they uploaded their documents.

I don’t believe I can add any new substance to these varied, compelling testimonials to the merits of a public subsidy for public broadcasting. Rather, I would simply urge you to recommend “Do Not Pass” on HB 1255, based on the overwhelming opposition testimony that has been submitted online.

Thank you for your consideration,
Vicki Voldal Rosenau, Valley City