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North Dakota House of Representatives

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Dear Members of the North Dakota House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1255 (HB 1255) and to share my deep concern about how this bill could harm Prairie Public, an essential and trusted resource for North Dakotans. I have been a listener since childhood and have been a sustaining member for over 15 years. Prairie Public has always been a reliable source of news, education, and culture—especially at a time when so many of us are struggling to navigate the overwhelming and often misleading information that floods our media landscape.

What sets Prairie Public apart from many other media outlets is that it is not beholden to investors or corporate interests. It is free from the pressure to present a particular agenda, and because of this, I trust its news and reporting without hesitation. In today's world, where media can often be swayed by advertisers, investors, or sensationalism, Prairie Public stands as a beacon of impartiality. This independence allows Prairie Public to focus on delivering news that is fact-based, unbiased, and deeply rooted in the needs of our communities—whether rural or urban.

Like so many other North Dakotans, I turn to Prairie Public because I know I can trust it. I don't need to worry about the news being manipulated for profit or political gain. In these times of rampant misinformation and division, this level of integrity is invaluable, and we need to protect it.

HB 1255 threatens this vital public service, and if passed, would diminish the ability of Prairie Public to continue offering factual, balanced programming that serves everyone in North Dakota. I ask that you consider the far-reaching consequences of this bill and vote against it to protect the independence and integrity of Prairie Public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah M Baker