

I strongly oppose HB 1255. I grew up listening to Prairie Public Broadcasting with my grandmother, who helped spark my interest in music, history, and current events. I now listen to Prairie Public with my children, as I hope to share with them my curiosity about the world, love of music, and appreciation for history and our North Dakota heritage.

One of my favorite programs on Prairie Public is Dakota Datebook, which is made in partnership with the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Dakota Datebook highlights historical events that occurred in North Dakota and features stories about a wide variety of topics ranging from the history of our small towns and North Dakotans who came before us to wildlife and culturally significant foods.

As a parent, I also greatly appreciate the educational programs for children available through Prairie Public. My kids love Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood and Sesame Street, and I love that these shows provide more than just entertainment to children by helping teach important concepts.

Please help preserve and share our North Dakota history and provide high quality children's programming by continuing funding for public broadcasting. I respectfully request that you vote no on HB 1255.

I would also like to kindly point out that much, if not all, of the testimony submitted in support of HB 1255 was done so erroneously, as the writers indicated in their text that they wished for funding to continue. Please read their words and take into consideration what public broadcasting means to them, and to all of us.

Again, I respectfully request a no vote on HB 1255. Thank you for your time and service to the residents of North Dakota.