To: Senate Public Hearing on March 7, 2025 regarding HB 1255

I am opposed to HB 1255. The passage of this bill would be devastating to local education for both children and adults. Prairie Public is my most used source for family friendly programming and for cultural programs of all types, much of which is produced locally and highlights the wonderful cultural milieu of North Dakota and surrounding states. Prairie Public provides all North Dakotans access to the highest quality programming in the arts, sciences, and history produced by public broadcasting entities throughout the nation. My pride in being a citizen of the United States and of North Dakota is nurtured by my experience of Prairie Public broadcasting, both radio and TV.

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