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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2605

Hi,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2605. Local news organizations are an important pillar of democracy and help cultivate community. These media organizations are also more likely to cover school district, city council, and state elections, policy, and funding than more traditional and larger media organizations.

One local news source that I frequently follow and support is BikePortland.org. I appreciate the nuanced reporting and detailed updates about Portland's transportation scene.

Providing a tax credit for these sorts of smaller media organizations would go a long way and allow more people the opportunity to contribute more funds to these invaluable organizations.

I also appreciate that this bill would define journalist in an effort to combat misinformation.

I sincerely hope this bill will move forward and become law this legislative session.

Thank you,
Timur Ender