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This written testimony is intended to augment scheduled in-person testimony on behalf of the Oregon Public Information Partnership based in McMinnville, OR.

OPIP strongly supports the efforts to HB2605 -- and other legislative measures -- that can help Oregon community newspapers sustain as viable businesses as they continue fulfilling important civic, social, economic and cultural services as part of the essential "Fourth Estate."

HB2605 proposes a tax credit that perhaps could be more closely defined to serve traditional newspapers. It also includes provisions for grants to designated nonprofit organizations serving Oregon newspapers.

OPIP's interest is to support HB2605, and also to propose addition of Oregon Public Information Partnership to the bill's list of nonprofits eligible for grants. We welcome any opportunity to answer questions and/or provide more information about OPIP.