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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3431

Dear members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

The statutes requiring publication of certain information should be expanded to include online news publications. Times have changed the way the majority of Oregonians access information. To quote from David Sommers, who also submitted testimony in favor of HB3431: "In Oregon, 68% of incorporated cities and three entire counties now lack a local news source. Requiring public notices to appear exclusively in print publications ignores this reality. In many communities, local newspapers either no longer exist or have drastically reduced their reach. The goal of public notice laws should be to ensure information reaches the widest possible audience—not to preserve an outdated revenue model for legacy media companies."

I can afford to support my local newspaper and I do, but those who can't deserve a means to access important public announcements. Please pass HB3431.

Thank you.