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Hello,

I have been a strong supporter of local journalism all my adult life (I'm in my 60s). I subscribed to the Argus when it was in circulation and kept it up when I moved to Colorado for a few years. I like to keep a finger on the pulse of the area that I love. I can't do that very well without local journalism which addresses the world in which I live and move around in.

Funnily enough, I only found out about this bill because there was an opinion piece in one of the online local papers that Pamplin gives me access to through my subscription. I was thrilled to read that this was being proposed as having the local news is critical to a community staying in touch with itself. We are already too individual and need the nudge to be involved in our communities. To help where we can, to volunteer, to know when and where local events are occurring, to know where our local kids are playing and the results of their games in the area, etc.

I wholeheartedly support this bill and enthusiastically request that you vote this through. If the big companies are gleaning the hard work of very hard-working local journalists and making lots of money off of their work, then those companies definitely need to share the spoils, especially since the local team produced it!

Please do pass this bill!!

--Twila Petrie

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