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I oppose this bill. If HB 3564 passes, journalists with already very tight budgets and limited access to legal advice would be more easily intimidated into not publishing even factual information with reliable sources. Free press is a key feature in any Democracy and must be protected. Unfortunately bad actors sometimes seek to cover up or prevent publication of the harm they actually caused. Journalists, especially small outlets with very limited budgets, are a critical resource to inform the public. Don't make it more likely for journalists to be bullied out of presenting the truth to the best of their abilities.