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Good, independent journalism is fundamental to a healthy democracy yet we are seeing it dwindle away year after year. This is largely due to the success of online platforms such as Google and Facebook that literally poach stories from journalists to put them on their platforms. And these platforms generate billions of dollars of profit from content they didn't create.

This bill can help reverse some of the damage being inflicted on local journalism. By making these platforms compensate Oregon's journalists and news agencies, more journalists can be hired, more stories covered, more independent news can be reported.

In a time when much of mainstream media is a profit-driven corporation, we need our local and independent journalists even more, to bring us the truth, to cover stories that matter to all of us, and to serve as an important pillar of our democracy.

Please vote YES for SB1580, YES to protect honest journalism in Oregon.