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Government
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1580

Testimony in support of SB 1580

I strongly support the passage of SB 1580.

Oregon newsrooms, including my own in Lake Oswego, have been negatively impacted by Google's stronghold over advertising revenue and this bill would fairly compensate the organizations that help feed the search engine with the information it needs to be a useful resource. Google has already acknowledged the value of newspaper content by compensating news organizations in Canada, Australia, New Jersey and California and Oregon should be no different.

If signed into law, this bill may allow my company, Carpenter Media Group, to hire more reporters and solidify the positions we already have — thus ensuring our communities have quality journalism that helps keep residents informed and holds officials accountable. Without our newspapers, Clackamas County would be sorely lacking in local news coverage.

Please help save local journalism by approving this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Corey Buchanan,
The Review Editor