

To: [Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government](#)
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Re: Support for SB 1580
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I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 1580.

America needs a free and independent press. This is being increasingly threatened, however, by mega digital platforms that effectively plagiarize that journalism without fairly compensating the newsrooms and journalists who created the content. As a results journalists and newsrooms disappear and vital sources of local news and information are threatened. Over the past 18 years, one quarter of Oregon's newspapers have had to close, leaving many communities with limited or no access to reliable local news.

SB 1580 seems a fair and reasonable approach to begin to address this problem. I firmly support it.