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My name is Jenifer Schramm. I am writing in support of SB 686: The Oregon Journalism Protection Act. SB 1580 requires large platforms to fairly compensate Oregon news publishers.

Consolidation of media ownership hurts all Oregonians. Scraping content from working journalists for unearned profit by corporate media calls for anti-trust legislation. This has been adopted by other states. Inspired by successful models, this bill reinvests in Oregon's local journalism -- which badly needs our support to continue its work.

Over the past 18 years, 27% of the state's newspapers have closed, leaving many communities with limited or no access to reliable local news. Closures and layoffs in newsrooms harm Oregonians, cost jobs in journalism, and harm our civic life.

Thank you for your service.