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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar, Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Lee, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, United States Senate
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The Honorable David Cicilline, Chairman, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law
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The Honorable Ken Buck, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law
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Dear Chairwoman Klobuchar, Ranking Member Lee, Chairman Cicilline, and Ranking Member Buck:

On behalf of many of the daily and weekly newspapers across America, we would like to ask for your support of H.R. 1735 / S.673, the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act.

Local journalism is facing an existential crisis. The actions of Google and Facebook of using newspapers' content without compensation have created a crisis for local journalism. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act would create a more level playing field, which would be a game-changer for newspapers.

Newspapers provide their local communities with the critical news that is needed, and their reporters and editors are an important part of their communities. The coverage of city council, the school board, local business developments and much more are needed to keep the citizens informed about what's going on in their communities.

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When a newspaper closes or reduces its coverage, the communities suffer. Without the vetted voice of strong and independent local news organizations, communities see increased costs and the lack of oversight has often led to increased corruption.

Newspapers need the ability to protect their content and be compensated for creating it. We are asking Congress to give newspapers the tools that they need to be able to fairly negotiate. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act will provide those tools.

If you would like additional details or more information about the impact of communities losing their newspaper, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean Ridings".

Dean Ridings, CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Fisco".

Alan Fisco, Chair, Legislative Committee &
President, Seattle Times

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