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Contact your U.S. representative: Ask him/her to support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act



Sample letter is available on our website

By Dean Ridings, CEO, America's Newspapers

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act (H.R. 3940) has now been reintroduced into Congress and we are actively seeking co-sponsors for this important bill.

I am asking all members to personally reach out to your U.S. Congressional Representative to ask him or her to co-sponsor H.R. 3940. Time is of the essence, so please contact your representative today. A phone call is best, but emails can also be effective. If you aren't sure who is your representative, click [here](#).

Details about this legislation are on our website, including a sample letter that can be sent to your representative.

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Sen. Rubio introduces Sec 230 legislation to crack down on Big Tech algorithms, protect free speech and level the Big Tech playing field



U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) has introduced legislation to halt Big Tech's censorship of Americans, defend free speech on the internet, and level the playing field to remove unfair protections that shield massive Silicon Valley firms from accountability. The [Disincentivizing Internet Service Censorship of Online Users and Restrictions on Speech and Expression \(DISCOURSE\) Act](#) would hold Big Tech responsible for complying with pre-existing

obligations per Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) of 1996 and clarify ambiguous terms that allow Big Tech to engage in censorship.

Specifically, the DISCOURSE Act updates the statute so that when a market-dominant firm actively promotes or censors certain material or viewpoints — including through the manipulative use of algorithms — it no longer receives protections. The bill also limits Section 230 immunities for large corporations that fail to live up to the statute's obligations.

"Big Tech has destroyed countless Americans' reputations, openly interfered in our elections by banning news stories, and baselessly censored important topics like the origins of the coronavirus," Rubio said. "It is absurd that these massive companies receive special protections through Federal law, even as they tear our country apart. No more free passes — it is time to hold Big Tech accountable for their actions."

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What we're reading this week



In support of local journalism tax credits

I generally don't pay much attention to proposed federal legislation until it hits the floor of either the House or the Senate.

Lots of bills get filed by lots of lawmakers that never really seem to get anywhere.

But one piece of proposed legislation was brought to my attention last week and it strikes extremely close to home (credit America's Newspapers for sending the information in its email newsletter).

[READ MORE from Mike Boyd, editor-in-chief of the Mohave Valley Daily News](#)

How creative thinkers are reinventing local news in the Midwest

First in a series on Medill students' innovation

An Ohio news outlet that's owned by the readers it serves. A start-up newsletter for Iowa's Black residents. A student-reported website bringing information to a "news desert" in Kansas. And a digital-only Ohio newsroom modeling "solutions journalism."

These are some of the innovative news organizations profiled in a new video reporting project by students at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications.

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Industry people



Community newspaper publisher Christine Moore dies at age 60

Last week, the Beaverton Valley Times (Portland, Oregon) lost a leader, a sparkplug and a dear friend.

Christine Moore spent the last 20 years of her life working for Pamplin Media Group. For much of that time, including right up until her death last Thursday from cancer complications, she served as publisher of The Times and led the newspaper's editorial board.

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Richard G. Jones named The Philadelphia Inquirer's top opinion editor

Richard G. Jones will become The Inquirer's managing editor for Opinion, returning to the company where his varied and accomplished career in journalism and academia began more than 30 years ago. In announcing the appointment Tuesday, Inquirer Editor Gabriel Escobar said that Jones, selected after a national search, would assume his duties on July 26.

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Jen Madden and Russell Savely named co-executive directors of SCPA

Last week the South Carolina Press Association Executive Committee named Jen Madden and Randall Savely co-executive directors of the press association, effective July 23 when Bill Rogers officially retires.

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Industry news



O'Rourke Media Group acquires Las Vegas Optic from Paxton Media Group

Paxton Media Group has sold the Las Vegas (New Mexico) Optic to O'Rourke Media Group. The Las Vegas Optic is one of the 46 newspaper operations PMG recently acquired from Landmark Community Newspapers LLC.

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Reuters Institute publishes 2021 Digital News Report

The tenth edition of the Reuters Institute's Digital News Report, based on data from six continents and 46 markets, aims to cast light on the key issues that face the newspaper industry "at a time of deep uncertainty and rapid change."

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USA TODAY announces hosts and presenters for first ever national high school sports awards show

USA TODAY's High School Sports Awards, presented by the U.S. Polo Assn., announced a new national show airing on Aug. 5 hosted by Michael Strahan, co-host of "Good Morning America," and Pro Football Hall of Famer, Rob Gronkowski, tight end for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The awards show will honor the nation's best student athletes and feature some of the biggest names in professional sports.

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Annual Meeting in October: We encourage you to register soon and reserve your hotel and airline flights as soon as possible!

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All registrations are fully-refundable until July 24.

This year's meeting is a must-attend for senior newspaper executives who are invested in the future of the industry. We are bringing some of the smartest minds together to tackle the biggest issues facing local newspapers. And, we're excited to finally have an in-person meeting so we can all connect and collaborate on new solutions.

The meeting will be held at the historic Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Discounted room rates are available but extremely limited, so we recommend locking in your reservation and your flights as soon as possible.

The **hotel reservation link for our room block** will be sent to you after your conference registration has been received.

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Family Owners Conference: Meet with your colleagues in person, prior to annual meeting

Family owners have a long history of connecting as a result of the common challenges and opportunities that they face. We are looking forward to meeting in person Oct. 15-16 in Colorado Springs!

In planning your travel, be sure to arrive in time for a 6 p.m. dinner on Friday evening, Oct. 15. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16. And, you'll want to stay for the [Senior Leadership Conference](#) (our annual meeting) that follows.

The Family Owners Conference is open to family members from family owned newspapers and owner CEOs and/or publishers from independently owned newspapers. Non-family CEOs and senior executives from family owned properties are invited to attend with family members.

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Family Owners & Next Generation Leadership Conference - Oct. 15 (dinner) and Oct. 16 (sessions)
Live and In-Person at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs
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Live and In-Person at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs

This meeting will focus on charting the future for newspapers and will provide safe settings for discussions and connections with other senior executives from across the industry. [LEARN MORE](#)

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