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The Honorable Jon Ossoff  
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Dear Senator Ossoff,

I represent news publishers in the state of Georgia, and I am reaching out to request your sponsorship of H.R. 1735 / S.673, the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA). This bipartisan bill is critically important to protecting the future of high-quality, local journalism in Georgia and across the country. We need your support now to sustain coverage of issues of vital importance to your communities.

A free and diverse press is the backbone of a healthy and vibrant democracy. Yet the control of access to trustworthy news online has become concentrated in the hands of two dominant tech platforms, Facebook and Google. Despite news being the reason for which a significant portion of users turn to Facebook and Google, these companies leverage their dominance over the digital marketplace to set the rules for news publishers and determine how journalism is displayed, prioritized, and monetized.

The JCPA would help address these problems by allowing publishers such as us to come together to negotiate with the platforms for the compensation they deserve, and an enforcement mechanism would ensure equitable compensation to ALL news publishers big and small.

Recent experiences in Australia and Europe demonstrate that other countries recognize the disparity in bargaining power between news publishers and Facebook and Google and are moving towards a new compensation model for publishers, one that ensures that equitable terms are offered to all publishers and that platforms participate in good faith.

**The moment to act in the U.S. is now.** It is more important than ever to protect quality journalism and ensure that the people who create journalistic content are compensated fairly for their often-painstaking work.

Journalism is critical to a functioning democracy, and the price of inaction – the disappearance of local news – is too great. I urge you to support Georgia news publishers and sponsor the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

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The Albany Herald  
Athens Banner Herald  
Daily Report, Atlanta  
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The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville  
Ledger Enquirer, Columbus  
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The Courier Herald, Dublin  
The Griffin Daily News  
LaGrange Daily News  
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The Telegraph, Macon  
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The Union Recorder, Milledgeville  
Rome News-Tribune  
Savannah Morning News  
Thomasville Times-Enterprise  
Valdosta Daily Times  
Adel News-Tribune  
Wheeler County Eagle, Alamo  
Americus Times Recorder  
The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge  
The Herald-Gazette, Barnesville  
The Baxley News Banner  
The Blackshear Times  
The North Georgia News, Blairsville  
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The News Observer, Blue Ridge  
The Braselton News  
The Journal, Buena Vista  
Taylor County News, Butler  
The Cairo Messenger  
Calhoun Times  
Mitchell County Enterprise-Journal, Camilla

The Cherokee Tribune, Canton  
The Polk County Standard Journal,  
Cedartown  
The Chatsworth Times  
The Claxton Enterprise  
The Clayton Tribune  
White County News, Cleveland  
The Cochran Journal  
Miller County Liberal, Colquitt  
Rockdale Citizen, Conyers  
The Cordele Dispatch  
The Northeast Georgian, Cornelia  
The Covington News  
Newton Citizen, Conyers  
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The Dallas New Era  
The Madison County Journal, Danielsville  
The Darien News  
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The Champion, Decatur  
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The Douglas Enterprise  
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The Eatonton Messenger  
The Elberton Star  
Times-Courier, Ellijay  
Columbia County News-Times, Evans  
Fayette County News, Fayetteville  
The Herald Leader, Fitzgerald  
Charlton County Herald, Folkston  
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The Leader Tribune, Fort Valley  
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Hawkinsville Dispatch and News  
Jeff Davis Ledger, Hazlehurst  
Towns County Herald, Hiawassee  
The Banks County News, Homer  
The Clinch County News, Homerville  
The Wilkinson County Post, Irwinton  
Jackson Progress-Argus  
Pickens County Progress, Jasper  
The Jackson Herald, Jefferson  
The Twiggs Times New Era, Jeffersonville  
The Press-Sentinel, Jesup  
Clayton News, Jonesboro  
Walker County Messenger, LaFayette  
Troup County News, LaGrange  
The Lanier County Advocate, Lakeland  
Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia  
The Lee County Ledger, Leesburg  
The Oglethorpe Echo, Lexington  
Jefferson Reporter/News and Farmer,  
Louisville  
Morgan County Citizen, Madison  
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Henry Herald, McDonough  
The Telfair Enterprise, McRae  
The Metter Advertiser  
The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville  
The Walton Tribune, Monroe  
The Moultrie Observer

The Montgomery Monitor, Mount Vernon  
The Berrien Press, Nashville  
The Newnan Times-Herald  
Atkinson County Citizen, Pearson  
Houston Home Journal, Perry  
Quitman Free Press  
The Journal Sentinel, Reidsville  
The Catoosa County News, Ringgold  
The Georgia Post, Roberta  
The Sandersville Progress  
The Soperton News  
Tribune and Georgian, St. Mary's  
The Islander, St. Simons  
The Summerville News  
The Forest-Blade, Swainsboro  
The Sylvania Telephone  
The Sylvester Local News  
Upton Beacon, Thomaston  
The McDuffie Progress, Thompson  
The Tifton Gazette  
The Toccoa Recorder  
The Advance, Vidalia  
The News-Reporter, Washington  
The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville  
Waycross Journal-Herald  
The True Citizen, Waynesboro  
Barrow County News, Winder  
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