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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on
Competition Policy, Antitrust, and
Consumer Rights United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Klobuchar,

Thank you again for speaking at the MNA convention Friday. MNA's 270 members appreciate your work on their behalf and we are reaching out to applaud you for 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 Minnesota and across the country. We need congressional support now to sustain coverage of issues of vital importance to our 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 and your colleagues to support Minnesota's news publishers and pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hills, Executive Director
MNA President Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

List of MNA Members by County

Aitkin

# Aitkin Independent Age	2461
McGregor - The Voyageur Press	1000

Anoka

# Anoka County Union Herald	2405
Blaine / Spring Lake Park / Columbia Heights / Fridley Life	8421
Circle Pines - Quad Community Press	6501 A

Becker

# Detroit Lakes Tribune	2629
Frazer Vergas Forum	1295
Lake Park Journal	1626
White Earth - Anishinaabeg Today**	13600*

Beltrami

# Bemidji - The Bemidji Pioneer	3850
Blackduck - The American	352

Benton

# Foley - Benton County News	1342
Sauk Rapids Herald	5306

Big Stone

Clinton - The Northern Star	1576*
# Ortonville Independent	1500*

Blue Earth

Lake Crystal Tribune	874
# Mankato - The Free Press	12705

Brown

Comfrey Times / Darfur Gazette	333
Hanska Herald	197
# New Ulm - The Journal	4680
Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch	996
Springfield Advance-Press	1370

Carlton

Cloquet - Pine Journal	1623
Cloquet - Pine Knot News	1919
Moose Lake - Star-Gazette	1168

Carver

Chanhasen Villager	5608
# Chaska Herald	6903
Norwood Young America / Watertown - News & Times	1022
Waconia Patriot	2103

Cass

Cass Lake Times	479
Longville - Pine Cone Press-Citizen	6351
Outing / Crosslake - Northland Press	5451 A
# Walker Pilot-Independent	1651

Chippewa

Clara City Herald	1090
# Montevideo American-News	1563

Chisago

Lindstrom - Chisago County Press	3413
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Clay

Barnesville Record-Review	1414
# Fargo / Moorhead - The Forum	19860
Hawley Herald	1626
# Moorhead - The Extra Newspaper	3056*
Ulen - Clay County Union	992

Clearwater

# Bagley - Farmers Independent	1980
Gonvick - The Leader-Record	1207

Cook

# Grand Marais - Cook County News-Herald	2667
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Cottonwood

Mountain Lake - Observer/Advocate	810
Westbrook Sentinel/Tribune	576
# Windom - Cottonwood County Citizen	2210

Crow Wing

# Brainerd - NewsHopper	15089 A
# Brainerd Dispatch	6742
Crosby - Ironton Courier, Inc.	3165
Pequot Lakes - Pineandlakes Echo Journal	1839

Dakota

Apple Valley / Farmington / Rosemount - Dakota County Tribune	9128
Burnsville / Eagan - Sun Thisweek	9004
# Hastings Journal	1499*
Lakeville - Sun ThisWeek	6745

Dodge

Kasson - Dodge County Independent	1647
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Douglas

# Alexandria Echo Press	5551
Brandon -The Douglas County Record	1418 A

Faribault

# Blue Earth - Faribault County Register	2428
Minnesota Lake Tribune	611*
Wells / Kiester - South Central News	1148*

Fillmore

Chatfield - The Chatfield News Co.	1070
# Preston - Fillmore County Journal	17995 A

Freeborn

# Albert Lea Tribune	3367
Alden Advance	568

Goodhue

Cannon Falls Beacon	2569
Kenyon Leader	635
# Red Wing Republican Eagle	3440
Zumbrota / Pine Island / Goodhue / Mazeppa / Wanamingo - News-Record	2786

Grand Forks (ND)

# Grand Forks Herald**	Sun 15060, Tue-Sat 13390 A
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Grant

# Elbow Lake / Herman / Hoffman - Grant County Herald	1903
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Hennepin

Bloomington / Richfield Sun Current	14148
Brooklyn Center / Brooklyn Park Sun Post	5574
Crystal / Robbinsdale / New Hope / Golden Valley Sun Post	6401
Edina Sun Current	6119
# Minneapolis - Finance & Commerce	1336
# Minneapolis - Insight News	35000*
# Minneapolis - Longfellow Nokomis Messenger**	21000*
# Minneapolis - Minnesota Women's Press**	35000*
# Minneapolis - North News**	28300*
# Minneapolis - Northeaster**	30639 A
# Minneapolis - Southwest Connector**	32000*
# Minneapolis - Star Tribune	Sun 351180, Mon-Fri 242270 A
# Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal	8320*
Minnesota Outdoor News**	47839*
# Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder	9800*
Minnetonka / Excelsior / Eden Prairie Sun Sailor	9318
Mound / Long Lake - The Laker Pioneer	5760
Osseo / Maple Grove / Champlin / Dayton Press	1157
Plymouth / Wayzata Sun Sailor	5970
St. Louis Park / Hopkins Sun Sailor	5792

Houston

# Caledonia Argus	1600
La Crescent - Houston County News	572*

Hubbard

Nevis - Northwoods Press	960
# Park Rapids Enterprise	2634

Isanti

# Cambridge - Isanti-Chisago County Star	10606 A
# Cambridge / North Branch - County News Review	1443

Itasca

Bovey - Scenic Range NewsForum	1508
# Grand Rapids Herald Review	4521

Jackson

Heron Lake - The Tri County News	646
# Jackson County Pilot	1196
Lakefield Standard	576

Kanabec

# Mora - Kanabec County Times	2671
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Kandiyohi

New London / Spicer - Lakes Area Review	6830*
# Willmar - West Central Tribune	5055

Kittson

# Hallock - Kittson County Enterprise	1154
Karlstad - North Star News	705

Koochiching

# International Falls - Rainy Lake Gazette**	1863
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Lac Qui Parle

Dawson Sentinel	1550
# Madison - The Western Guard	1553

Lake of the Woods

# Baudette - Northern Light Region	1854
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Le Sueur

Le Sueur County News	784
Montgomery Messenger	957
New Prague - The New Prague Times	2980
Waterville LifeEnterprise	1070

Lincoln

Hendricks Pioneer	619
# Ivanhoe Times	795
Lake Benton Valley Journal	536
Tyler Tribute	890

Lyon

Balaton - Press Tribune	351*
Cottonwood Tri-County News	362
# Marshall Independent	3540
Minneota Mascot	1193
Tracy Area Headlight Herald	1210

Mahnomen

# Mahnomen Pioneer	1256
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Marshall

Grygla Eagle	474
Middle River - The Middle River Honker	774*
Stephen Messenger	1061*
# Warren Sheaf	1374

Martin

# Fairmont - Sentinel	2939
Sherburn - Martin County Star	682
Truman Tribune	1039*

McLeod

# Glencoe - The McLeod County Chronicle	2452
Hutchinson Leader	3192

Meeker

Eden Valley Watkins Voice	651*
# Litchfield Independent Review	1815

Mille Lacs

Isle - Mille Lacs Messenger	2470
Princeton / Milaca - Union-Times	1703

Morrison

# Little Falls - Morrison County Record	22073
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Mower

# Austin Daily Herald	2263
LeRoy / Adams / Grand Meadow - Mower County Independent	1292*

Murray

Fulda Free Press	905
# Slayton - Murray County News	770
# Slayton - Murray County Wheel-Herald	6850 A

Nicollet

Lafayette-Nicollet Ledger	727
# St. Peter Herald	1009

Nobles

Adrian - Nobles County Review	836
# Worthington - The Globe	3507

Norman

# Ada - Norman County Index	1427
Twin Valley Times	1417

Olmsted

# Rochester - Post Bulletin	13250
Stewartville Star	1340

Otter Tail

Battle Lake Review	1667
# Fergus Falls - The Daily Journal	2641
Henning - Citizen's Advocate	860
New York Mills Dispatch	746
Parkers Prairie - The Parkers Prairie Independent	938
Pelican Rapids Press	1837
Perham Focus	1173

Pennington

# Thief River Falls Times	2856
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Pine

Askov American	711
Hinckley News	643
# Pine City Pioneer	1862
Sandstone - Pine County Courier	834

Pipestone

Edgerton Enterprise	1306
# Pipestone County Star	1798

Polk

# Crookston Times	733
East Grand Forks - The Exponent	848
Erskin Echo	816
Fertile Journal	1275*
Fosston - The Thirteen Towns	1671
McIntosh Times	560

Pope

# Glenwood - Pope County Tribune	2618
Senior Perspective**	57500*
Starbuck Times	757

Ramsey

Shoreview Press	6060 A
# St. Paul - Access Press**	13600*
# St. Paul - Midway Como Frogtown Monitor**	25000*
# St. Paul - The Park Bugle**	14500*
# St. Paul Legal Ledger - Minnesota Lawyer	965
# St. Paul Pioneer Press	Sun 182902, Thu 124981 A
# St. Paul Voice**	16500*
White Bear Lake - White Bear Press	13800 A

Red Lake

Oklee Herald	630
# Red Lake Falls - The Gazette	1001*

Redwood

Lamberton News	1483
# Redwood Falls - Redwood Gazette	1480

Renville

Fairfax - Standard-Gazette & Messenger	1063
Hector / Bird Island - News*Mirror Union	1026
# Renville County Register	1482

Rice

# Faribault Daily News	2542
Lonsdale Area News-Review	2551*
Northfield News	2343

Rock

# Luverne - Rock County Star Herald	2050
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Roseau

Greenbush - The Tribune	631
# Roseau Times-Region	2329

Scott

Jordan Independent	830
Prior Lake American	7516
Savage Pacer	4937
# Shakopee Valley News	8110

Sherburne

Becker - Patriot	16380 A
# Elk River - Star News	19968

Sibley

Arlington Enterprise	1069*
# Gaylord - The Gaylord Hub	1424*
Henderson Independent	874*
Winthrop News	939

St. Louis

Babbitt - The New Babbitt Weekly News	833
# Duluth News Tribune	16589
Ely Echo	3200
Floodwood - The Forum	719*
Hermantown Star	1523*
Hibbing / Virginia - Mesabi Tribune	7952
Proctor Journal	1811*
Tower / Ely / Cook-Orr Timberjay	3091
Tower News	902*

Stearns

Albany / Melrose - The Star Post	2674
Belgrade - The Observer	733
Brooten - Bonanza Valley Voice	1690
Cold Spring Record	2912
Kimball - Tri-County News	1110
Paynesville - The Paynesville Press	1677*
Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleader	9108 A
Sauk Centre Herald	1819
# St. Cloud Times	8598
St. Joseph Newsleader	3841 A

Steele

Blooming Prairie - Steele County Times	2020
# Owatonna People's Press	2962

Stevens

Chokio Review	606
# Morris / Hancock - Stevens County Times	1807

Swift

Appleton Press	1148
# Benson - Swift County Monitor-News	1295*
Kerkhoven - The Kerkhoven Banner	928

Todd

Clarissa - Independent News Herald	2210*
# Long Prairie Leader	1660*
# Long Prairie Lider**	1500*
Staples World	1105*

Traverse

# Wheaton Gazette	1134
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Wabasha

Lake City Graphic	2247
Plainview News	2001
# Wabasha County Herald	3051

Wadena

Sebeka - The Review Messenger	2272
Verndale Sun	800*
# Wadena Pioneer Journal	1275

Waseca

New Richland - NRHEG Star Eagle	1300*
# Waseca County News	1289

Washington

Forest Lake / St. Croix - The Lowdown**	4500*
Forest Lake Times	1448
Hugo - The Citizen	4212
Scandia - Country Messenger	857*
# Stillwater Gazette	1269

Watsonwan

Madelia Times-Messenger	718
# St. James Plaindealer	930

Wilkin

# Wahpeton / Breckenridge - Daily News	1832
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Winona

St. Charles Press & Lewiston Journal	2097
# Winona Daily News	2540 A
# Winona Post	Sun 20243, Wed 21665 A

Wright

Annandale Advocate	1837
# Buffalo - Wright County Journal-Press	3129
Cokato - Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch	1519
Delano Herald Journal	1631
Howard Lake - Herald Journal	2073
Maple Lake Messenger	1210
Monticello Times	983
St. Michael / Rockford Crow River News	1099

Yellow Medicine

Canby News	1289
# Granite Falls / Clarkfield - Advocate Tribune	1491

All Minnesota Counties

Minnesota Legionnaire**	67717
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