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JOURNALISTS

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## *Thank You Newspaper Patriots*

Journalists, you work long and hard because you are *passionate* about what you do. Your work is not glamorous nor lucrative, but *it is vital*. You question authority, expose wrong-doings, fight injustice and *report real news*. You cover the local topics that *matter most* to us – *our* community, *our* people, *our* businesses, and *our* happenings.

Although we may not always like what you've written,  
*we respect what you do.*

Although we have our own opinions,  
*we are grateful that you provide us with the facts to form them.*

Although we may have differing views about what is news,  
*we believe that you publish the truth.*

We humbly ask that you:

*Continue to provide the knowledge and information* necessary for considerate and thoughtful conversations.

*Keep rising above* the harmful divisive and polarizing anti-media rhetoric.

*Remain a stalwart defender and protector* of our First Amendment rights.

We commend you, our newspaper superheroes, for all that you do. It is our hope that together, we can create a culture of civility and spirited dialogue - in which each person's voice is heard and regarded equally.

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