

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.

Show your support for local journalism by signing the petition at
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