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General Comment

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This comment is in relation to the study that Congress wants conducted regarding the loss of business from newspapers due to news aggregators. I believe this study is important, because the future of the newspaper publishing business looks bleak. Legislation should be enacted to help protect newspaper publishers to maintain their copyright rights and that their future is ensured. I believe newspapers are very important, since I am traditional in that I prefer to read newspapers, instead of mainly relying on news from the internet sources. News aggregators have impacted the newspaper publishing business in a very negative way, and this is extremely detrimental for society. I enjoy reading newspapers and gain relevant information from them. I believe that overall, newspapers offer a higher quality, less biased, and are a better and effective source of information than merely scanning the internet. The importance of the written word is extremely important, especially for historical significance. Furthermore, in a newspaper, a person can retain a copy of the article, and this may be better for older people, who prefer sources such as these instead of relying upon information over the computer, especially from news aggregators. For First Amendment and other reasons, additional legislation is needed to keep newspapers in business and maintain protection of their materials' copyright. The use of newspapers written documentation is important in a free market system. It would be a sad, terrible loss for society if newspapers went out of business, which could happen. I believe newspapers, such as the New York Times, offer a higher quality, fair, objective, and more unbiased reporting than news aggregators. A definite, compelling public need exists for laws to be enacted in order to protect newspapers. This is not being addressed in today's society. Newspapers' rights should be protected to maintain the originality of their work, and also to ensure that news aggregators will not overtake newspapers.

