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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Senators Golden, Manning and Thatcher,

I am Nadia Hasan, a Beaverton City Councilor, a mother, a former educator, and an HR professional - my testimony reflects my views as an individual. I ran for office eager to demystify government for the average constituent and while I love this work, it's clear that local news is the bedrock of strong civic engagement and politics. I have witnessed local news coverage that cannot fully capture what's happening in places and spaces where decisions are made. I know this is an incredible missed opportunity for individuals to participate in democracy and I believe SB686 is a critical first step towards addressing this. Major digital platforms like Google and Facebook (Meta) are leveraging loosely vetted AI technology with limited checks and balances while our traditional community newspapers take the hit. We must take steps to address this immediately for the sake of our local cities and counties, the news outlets working so hard to cover media and most importantly for our democracy.

Thank you,  
Nadia Hasan