**Smith: Protect Local Journalism To Save Democracy**

Local journalism provides the bedrock on which democracy is built, but technology companies are threatening the free service by siphoning off advertising money and repurposing content, writes former National Association of Broadcasters CEO Gordon Smith. Smith calls on federal lawmakers to approve the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act, saying it's "vital to broadcasters' mission to create an informed citizenry."

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