

TESTIMONY OF SEN. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR. OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Thank you very much, and thank you to the members of the Commission for allowing me to appear before you today and testify on behalf of Pennsylvanians.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, I am proud to advocate for journalists and newspapers across Pennsylvania at today's hearing.

From announcing our declaration of independence to the muckrakers of the early 1900s to the chronicling of the opioids crisis today, journalists serve an essential function of our democracy through faithfully reporting and transmitting the news.

A free press and newspapers serve as a bedrock of our democracy and they must have access to the necessary resources that ensure our informed public. Pennsylvania is home to 76 daily newspapers and more than 150 non-daily newspapers. According to Penn State, we have more daily and weekly newspapers than any other state in the Nation. While we value our larger publications with wide circulation, it is our local newspapers, whose reporters execute the duties of the fourth estate for their communities that have struggled the most as Americans across the country make difficult choices in the face of stagnant wages.

I have heard from many newspapers in Pennsylvania expressing concern about the impacts of Commerce's preliminary findings. I am submitting data with this testimony that they have provided on industry impacts in Pennsylvania.

I know you will undertake a judicious review of the concerns raised by my constituents and take the appropriate action.