

We are writing in opposition to SB 2069.

After 35 years in the weekly newspaper business, we know first-hand that citizens do not trust the government to post public notices on government websites or other social media sites. They like the check-and-balance of having their hometown newspaper publish the notices in the newspaper, whether they be school board minutes or a county bid notice.

As part of that check-and-balance system, every public notice is placed by newspapers through their association, the North Dakota Newspaper Association, on a secure website, [ndpublicnotices.com](http://ndpublicnotices.com). That is in addition to appearing in the newspapers.

We do not want to see government over-reach and the reduction in transparency that would come with government control of how citizens can access public notices.

A NO vote on this bill would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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