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Via Mail, Fax & Email

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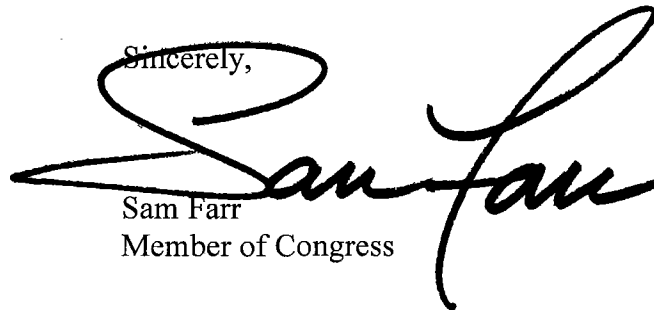
Dear Mr. Pruitt:

First I would like you to know how much I respect the McClatchy Company's deep commitment to providing your readers with superior coverage of local, regional, national and international news. Your company stands apart from the crowd.

I understand that several bidders are seeking to purchase all or some of the twelve newspapers McClatchy is acquiring from Knight Ridder. Because of the sale's importance to newspaper employees and the communities they serve, I urge you to conduct a transparent sale process that gives fair consideration to all responsible bidders. I am aware that the Yucaipa Companies have submitted a bid that includes an innovative employee ownership model that is enjoying significant support from newspaper readers and community leaders, including myself. I believe this collaborative model is worthy of careful consideration and could establish an exciting new model for newspaper ownership, serving as a prototype for other businesses in our state.

I hope that the McClatchy Company can provide Yucaipa representatives with all necessary financial information and give their bid your full attention and consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sam Farr
Member of Congress

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