

The [Society of Professional Journalists](#) are [pleased](#) with Senator John McCain's [support](#) of a federal media shield bill.

"Sen. McCain's support for a federal shield law is welcomed news," SPJ President Clint Brewer said. "At a time when overzealous prosecutors are attempting to use national security as an excuse to force journalists into acting as an arm of the law, it's good to know that a presidential hopeful understands that the responsibility of the press is to keep a watchful eye on government."