The Washington Post's **lead editorial today** makes its case for a federal media shield law - the **Free Flow of Information Act** 0f 2009, concluding with this:

A free nation depends on not only active and engaged media. It also depends on courageous people who come forward confidentially to share information with reporters that exposes corruption and abuses of power. The Free Flow of Information Act would protect that relationship on the federal level while also safeguarding national security.