

The following newspapers have editorialized in favor of legislation that would establish a federal media shield, protecting the free flow of information to the public:

*Washington Post*: " [Thin Shield](#) "

PRESIDENT OBAMA has long said that he supports a law protecting the relationship between journalists and their sources. But his administration's latest proposal hardly reflects that. The language it has given the Senate Judiciary Committee belies the president's stated support for having judges balance the public interest in news gathering against the need to compel disclosure of a journalist's sources.

*New York Times*: " [Mr. Obama's Promise of Transparency](#) "

Hopes for an effective law that would protect the public's access to essential news from inside government have been dealt a severe setback by the Obama administration.

As a senator, President Obama co-sponsored a robust proposal to protect journalists and their sources who rely on confidentiality to reveal abuses, scandals and other inner workings of government agencies. But, White House officials are now proposing deep revisions to a Senate Judiciary Committee bill that weaken protections against forcing reporters to reveal their sources.

Congressman Pence also [recently opined](#) on the subject, as the original author of the federal media shield bill:

As a conservative committed to limited government, I believe the only check on government power in real time is a free and independent press. A free press ensures the flow of information to the public, and let me say, during a time when the role of government in our lives and in our enterprises seems to grow larger every day, ensuring the vitality of a free and independent press is more important than ever.

