The ability of your local daily newspaper to function as a reliable source of information and a watchdog over local government and institutions is under siege by the paper’s corporate owner. This newspaper’s parent company -- GateHouse Media, which is part of the publicly traded New Media Investment Group -- has laid off and failed to replace so many workers that news-gathering operations here and across the country are struggling.

THINGS MAY GET EVEN WORSE

A proposed merger between GateHouse and another national newspaper chain -- Gannett Corp. -- would cut $300 million more from the combined company’s operations nationwide. Included would be $115 million in specific cuts to “newspaper operations,” according to New Media. Gannett stockholders are considering approving this proposal.

The NewsGuild-CWA, a labor union that represents workers at some of GateHouse’s newspapers, cares about preserving journalism at all newspapers and media outlets.

Please take these steps to show support for the hard-working journalists at your local newspaper as they try to preserve the quality of local journalism.

1. Use this online link http://bit.ly/preservelocalnews to send an email to GateHouse CEO Mike Reed telling him to hold the line on corporate greed and put local journalism first.

2. “Like” our union on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/NewsGuild/ and follow our union on Twitter at https://twitter.com/news_guild

3. Follow our Twitter feed on the GateHouse-Gannett merger at https://twitter.com/PreserveNews

If you are interested in gaining a legally protected voice in your workplace, email organize@newsguild.org or, to have a confidential conversation with an organizer, contact Stephanie Basile at (201) 787-6035 and learn how unionizing can enhance job security, boost pay and reduce anxiety in an ever-changing media landscape.

“Our liberty depends on freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.”

-- Thomas Jefferson