

Our Story

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As the journalists who produce Cleveland's daily newspaper, we're asking for your help. Our parent company, Advance Publications, recently asked for voluntary buyouts from managers at The Plain Dealer and from our non-union colleagues at Cleveland.com. We are losing a handful of experienced reporters and fear that is only the beginning. Our contract expires in February 2019, and we know it will be a challenging bargaining environment.

We know you value The Plain Dealer for lots of reasons: as a vital link to customers, a forum to discuss important community issues, a way to keep you informed, a catalyst for civic engagement. The paper celebrates Cleveland's successes, exposes its failings and tries to point the way to solutions. We make you think and, occasionally, make you laugh.

You might not agree with everything you read in The PD. And yes, we know that our coverage in some areas is not as comprehensive as in the past. Cutbacks already have taken a toll. But think about Greater Cleveland without a daily newspaper, and without a large enough staff of experienced journalists to report the news online and in print, seven days a week. Blogs, tweets and briefs can't tell the whole story. And many Cleveland homes don't have internet access.

This isn't just about jobs. Sure, we want to keep ours. But what we really want to maintain is a vibrant, committed newspaper. Cleveland needs that, and deserves it. That's why we've launched a campaign to rally the community. We're asking everyone to subscribe, to advertise, to support our advertisers. As a community leader, we'd like you to do that -- and more.

Clevelanders have a long history of conceiving and championing good ideas and turning them into great institutions. We believe The Plain Dealer is one of those.