Journalists need federal shield law

While Thomas Jefferson was an U.S. statesman to France prior to his presidency, he is also remembered for his role in advocating for freedom of the press. Jefferson believed that protecting the press from legal harassment was necessary to the free and open exchange of information, which is a core tenet of our democracy. As a journalist, I believe that every journalist, regardless of nationality, should be able to speak freely without fear of legal repercussions for doing so.

With the federal shield law, journalists would be able to protect confidential sources and information without fear of legal consequences. This law would protect journalists from having to reveal sources or documents that could potentially put the source in financial danger. It would also give journalists the ability to effectively craft stories — especially investigative stories that reveal important information to the public. Furthermore, it would protect the source's relationship with their attorney, which is crucial for maintaining a strong working relationship.

The federal shield law would give journalists the ability to speak freely without fear of legal repercussions. It would protect the source's confidentiality and allow journalists to do their jobs more effectively. It would also make the U.S. judicial system more fair and just by protecting journalists and their confidential sources.

I urge all lawmakers to support the federal shield law and protect journalists' ability to do their jobs without fear of legal repercussions. The safety and confidentiality of our sources is essential to our ability to do our jobs effectively. Thank you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]