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Mr. Arthur Sulzberger Jr.
Chairman
New York Times Co.

Dear Mr. Sulzberger:

I am writing to respectfully request that the New York Times Company resist pressures to diminish the quality of the Boston Globe, an important community asset that many readers rely on to bring them the news of the day.

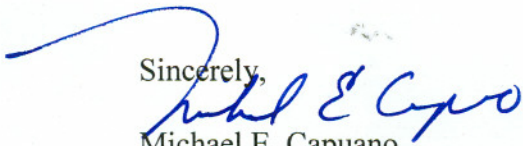
For generations, the Globe has served Boston and New England well and continues to do so. The Boston Globe offers prize-winning reporting and compelling local news. Journalists have risked and, in some cases, given their lives, to bring readers the news that matters.

Regrettably, however, since the New York Times Co. acquired the Boston Globe in 1993, a troubling pattern has emerged. Fewer resources have been committed to the Globe, and these divestments threaten its mission. I certainly understand that the entire newspaper industry is encountering difficulties. As more and more consumers turn to the internet and 24 hour news channels to get their information, newspaper circulation nationwide has markedly declined.

However, by continuing to diminish the resources available to Boston Globe staff, you risk damaging the product that so many people work so hard to deliver every day. I urge you to direct resources to the Boston Globe, instead of searching for ways to reduce your level of commitment. The Boston Globe is an asset to Greater Boston and to the New England region. That asset should be developed, not diminished.

I appreciate your time and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress

CC: Board of Directors – New York Times Co.
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