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Hello;

I read your recent editorial, "Our leaders simply aren't listening". I found it very interesting. So interesting that I went to the trouble of writing a [blog post](#) about it.

I've got a few questions if you don't mind.

The editorial urges the community to hold local elected officials accountable. But your newspaper has broadcast false statements made by these very same officials without any fact-checking or push back whatsoever. In that way, you've played a leading role in allowing them to mislead the public.

So do you plan to begin holding local officials accountable by actually fact-checking their statements? If they withhold information, will you dig deeper? Or do you simply plan to continue carrying their water?

It goes without saying that your publication can do more to expose government incompetence and/or wrong-doing than any private citizen ever could. But you've missed many opportunities to do so. Why do you expect the public to challenge public officials when you lack the courage to do so yourselves?

I'd appreciate a substantive response, but I know better than to expect one.

Have a nice day,

Margaret Blank