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Open Letter to RSS Executive Director Bill DeVita,

Today, I've launched RSSMarketStreet.com, with the intention of benefiting both the public and your organization. One of its goals is to encourage your organization to prioritize transparency and openness in sharing information.

The concern centers on your organization's website, 27MarketStreet.com. According to the website, RSS's goal is to create a "collective vision" for the proposed project on Market Street and encourages contacting Christine Nealon. However, it selectively links to specific news articles while omitting many others. This site has gained attention through news articles, public meetings, and social media, serving as a resource for the Oneonta community.

Local media have shown fairness by staying neutral on RSS's controversial Market Street project. This ensures all voices are heard. As a nonprofit, I urge RSS to post all news articles or clarify that only favorable articles are published.

On March 29th, I contacted Christine Nealon, providing links to missing news articles. However, it's clear she lacks authority to change organization policies. Your 2019 letter to the editor, titled "RSS Friend To Community, Executive Director Avows" emphasizes RSS's commitment to the community. Please uphold this commitment by being fair to the Oneonta community. I urge RSS to set a new standard of transparency and openness in information dissemination.

Thank you,

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