

**MEDIA ADVISORY FOR:**

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

**\*\*\* NYC Press Conference & Petition Delivery Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.\*\*\***

**MoveOn Mobilizes Against Newspaper Cutbacks**

***Will Hand-Deliver To Tribune Co. Execs 45,000  
Signatures Against Newspaper Staff Cuts.***

Newsday, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, Hartford Courant,  
Orlando Sentinel, and Others on Corporate Chopping Block

MoveOn Media Action members will hand-deliver over 45,000 petition signatures to top Tribune Company executives on Wednesday in New York City – opposing cuts to newspaper staff jobs across the nation.

Tribune chairman Dennis FitzSimons and Tribune publishing president Scott Smith are scheduled to speak at 11:20 a.m. this Wednesday at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Manhattan during the Credit Suisse and First Boston Global Media and Telecom Week conference.

In the last week, MoveOn Media Action (a project of MoveOn.org Civic Action) launched local **petition drives in the readership areas of Newsday, L.A. Times, Orlando Sentinel, Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun, Hartford Courant, Daily Press (VA) and Morning Call (PA).**

Wednesday's petition delivery is part of a larger campaign to promote strong watchdog journalism. The petitions are located on the front page of MoveOn.org.

**WHO:** Local Newsday newspaper readers & Noah T. Winer and Adam Green of MoveOn Media Action

**WHAT:** Press conference and delivery of petitions to Tribune Company executives

**WHERE:** In front of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1605 Broadway, (W 49<sup>th</sup> St. & Broadway)

**WHEN:** 11:15am, Wednesday, December 7, 2005

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*MoveOn Media Action, a project of 501(c)(4)MoveOn.org Civic Action, empowers regular people to reform the media and fight back when news organizations abandon their journalistic duty to be a vigilant watchdog for the public. It was formed because MoveOn.org members felt this was an important priority for the organization.*