

An Open Letter to Gatehouse Media, The Enterprise of Brockton and their readers.

For the past several years Stop the Power with the cooperation of many Brockton residents and business owners has been involved in social activism in our underserved community because we feel it is our responsibility to advocate for the voiceless and those being misled to believe there are false riches ahead for them that in truth are purely for the benefit of the chosen few.

We are reaching out to GateHouse Media, parent company of The Enterprise of Brockton because we feel The Enterprise has been compromised and damaged both fiscally and in terms of readership due to Managing Editor Steve Damish's relationships within the city. These relationships have crossed the elementary boundaries of journalistic integrity.

Many of those that have parted ways with The Enterprise through the years have communicated that they felt their writing and reporting were compromised by the fact that The Enterprise of Brockton has made it a priority under Mr. Damish's leadership to serve as a bureau of the deception, spin and rhetoric of the City of Brockton and specifically Mayor Bill Carpenter. Relevant news has been covered up, damaging facts about this administration and its agendas have been falsely reported or conveniently omitted. As such, readers have not been able to make informed decisions about their community at critical moments. If you performed a sampling of Brockton residents you would find we are not alone in our opinion. The Enterprise has even recently picked up the moniker, the "Emptyprise."

It is our strong feeling that it would be in the best interest of your readership if you reassigned Mr. Damish to a newspaper where these boundaries have not been crossed. This will also allow the integrity of The Enterprise of Brockton to be restored and alleviate the concerns of a frustrated and disengaged readership.

We firmly believe you would enjoy increased readership if a change were made. Stories would have edge, those in authority would be properly challenged, and readers would become emotionally connected again. As you understand in business, change can be a good and necessary function.

In closing, this is not a personal agenda. Through the years we too have found Mr. Damish to be a nice man. We do believe however that he has ultimately crossed a line of which a blind eye should not be turned. This letter does not come to you lightly. We have tried to convince Mr. Damish of the needs of the community that he serves and reminded him of the ethics of which he is bound. We do not believe he is truly willing to listen because of his relationships.

The Enterprise of Brockton has deep roots in our community. That legacy must live on and we hope that this letter contributes towards a shift back to the objective reporting of yesteryear being restored.

We urge all residents and concerned readers to also reach out to Gatehouse Media's leadership if you share in our opinion that The Enterprise of Brockton has lost its way and a more fair and balanced approach and depiction of events under new leadership without a political agenda would compel you to pick the paper up again. Please contact:

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