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TO: Tow Center for Digital Journalism Director Emily Bell/Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

In cc'ing you on my just-sent e-mail to Knight Scholar Abernathy, I realized I had inadvertently omitted you from my yesterday's e-mail to Metric Media, which is below. Apologies.

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Reinforcing the importance of my October 26th e-mail to you, posted on CJA's webpage "[Will Metric Media Come to the Rescue?](#)", below is the e-mail I received this morning from "CJR Editors", via Lauren Harris, a [CJR Delacorte Fellow](#), entitled "*Investigating local partisan shadow news: A Q & A with Priyanjana Bengani*". It asserts that "partisan websites posing as local news...pose a threat to an informed electorate, particularly in a year that has seen accelerated attrition in local newsrooms across the county" – and focuses on the websites of Metric Media.

Meantime, I am awaiting response from [CJR](#) Editor-in-Chief/Publisher Pope and Managing Editor Morais and from Tow Center Director Bell and its Senior Research Fellow Rafsky to my October 26th e-mail to you to which they were cc'd,