

Dear National Writers Union Team,

I hope this message finds you well, I'm writing on behalf of the Edgewater Gazette, a growing independent news outlet based in Volusia County, Florida. We are deeply committed to supporting local journalism, amplifying community voices, and advocating for media workers across the state.

As Florida continues to face legislative challenges that impact press freedom and local governance—including recent developments like SB 180—we believe it is more important than ever to build a strong, organized network of writers, journalists, and media professionals. With that in mind, we are reaching out to explore the possibility of starting an NWU chapter in the State of Florida.

We would greatly appreciate any guidance you can provide on the following:

- The process and requirements for establishing a new chapter
- Organizational structure and leadership expectations
- Support available from NWU for outreach, recruitment, and advocacy
- Any existing Florida-based members or networks we could collaborate with

Edgewater Gazette is ready to help lead this effort and serve as a hub for writers across the region who are seeking solidarity, resources, and representation. We believe a Florida chapter could be a powerful force for protecting freelance rights, promoting ethical journalism, and building community among independent media workers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you and learning how we can help bring NWU's mission to life here in Florida.