

This is Bob Brenna, Jr., of the law firm of Brenna & Brenna with something to think about.

When the founders of our country gave us freedom of speech, they did so for a reason. Recently, a man in China went to jail for 14 years because he was calling for democracy and human rights. He had just spent 16 years in prison for saying something the government didn't like when he was sentenced to another 14 years.

Many have fought and died to protect our freedom. Free speech means we can protest without fear of punishment. This is the absolute cornerstone to a free society, and without it we would be subject to the kind of governmental censorship like that in China.

Freedom of the press means the media can report the truth without having it approved by those in power. Don't take these precious right guaranteed to us by the constitution for granted.

Free speech and freedom of the press should be cherished by all of us, not just those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.