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To: Senate Energy, Education & the Environment Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **SUPPORT SB 312**

The Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association represents a diverse membership of news media organizations, from large metro dailies like the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun, to hometown newspapers such as The Annapolis Capital and the Maryland Gazette to publications such as The Daily Record, the Baltimore Times, and online-only publications such as Maryland Matters and Baltimore Brew.

We write in support of SB 312, which reclassifies the records relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by an elected official or a person appointed to fill an elected office.

The public has a right to know the actions of public officials in office, and the outcome of misconduct investigations. This transparency builds trust in government and helps create meaningful steps to open government.

We urge a favorable report.