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To: House Health & Government Operations Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **HB594 - OPPOSE**

The Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association represents a diverse membership of newspaper publications, from large metro dailies such as the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun, to hometown newspapers such as the Star Democrat and Dorchester Banner, to publications such as The Daily Record, Baltimore Jewish Times, and online-only publications such as the Baltimore Banner, MoCo 360, Maryland Matters and Baltimore Brew.

The Press Association urges the Committee to reject HB594. This is a **state-wide bill** that solves a problem that does not currently exist. This bill arises out of a concern that both of the Dorchester news publications, the Star Democrat, publishing in print 4 days each week AND the Dorchester Banner, publishing weekly, would cease print publication. Every jurisdiction in Maryland is served by an appropriate publication for public notice.

We urge an unfavorable report.



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