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**To:** Health & Government Operations Committee  
**From:** Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association  
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**Re:** **HB 72 – Support**

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

The Press Association supports HB 72, which would expand direct access to Maryland Transportation Authority meetings for citizens through live and archived video streaming.

Transparency is important to democracy's function. Citizens should have access to the deliberations and meetings of public bodies, including the MTA. This bill allows citizens to more fully engage with the process and provides convenience and accessibility for reporters, who may wish to cover the meetings.

The Press Association encourages a favorable report on HB 72.



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