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To: House Appropriations Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: HB 416 – Favorable with Amendments

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 Herald-Mail, to publications such as The Daily Record, Baltimore Jewish Times, and online-only publications such as Bethesda Beat, MarylandReporter.com and Baltimore Brew.

The Press Association appreciates the clarity HB 416 brings to discussions of quasi-governmental units. However, there is a glaring omission. Each quasi-governmental unit should be subject to the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

We urge the Committee to amend HB 416 to clearly state that these units must comply with the PIA and the OMA.



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