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To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **HB 860 - 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 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 Public Information Act is a path for the public to gain a better understanding of the workings of the governmental units that act on its behalf. This bill would have a chilling effect on the public's right to know and access to information by requiring such specific information.

We urge an unfavorable report.



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