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To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **HB1195 - SUPPORT**

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 Frederick News Post to publications such as The Daily Record, the Baltimore Times, and online-only publications such as Bethesda Beat and Baltimore Brew.

The Press Association is pleased to support HB 1195, which would require those seeking exceptions from zoning regulations to disclose ownership of the entities requesting the exemptions.

We believe this legislation is an important step forward to will bring more transparency and openness to the development process. Too often, the public is left in the dark about the ownership and money behind development projects that affect their communities.

The Press Association urges a favorable report.



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