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To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **SB624 - FAVORABLE**

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 Maryland Independent, 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 accept SB 624, which establishes a task force to study Public Information Act requests to review costs and procedures. This task force will help clarify the practices used by law enforcement and provide recommendations to improve transparency.

A representative from the Press Association will be available to serve, as required by the bill.

We urge a favorable report.



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