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To: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: MDDC FAVORABLE SB 15

The Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association (MDDC) represents a diverse membership of news media organizations. Our membership includes large metro dailies such as *The Washington Post* and *The Baltimore Sun*, hometown newspapers such as *The Star Democrat* and *Dorchester Star*, specialty publications such as *The Daily Record* and *Baltimore Jewish Times*, and leading online news organizations such as *Baltimore Banner*, *Maryland Matters*, and *Baltimore Brew*. Our membership spans both for-profit and nonprofit models and reflects the full ecosystem of local journalism that Marylanders depend on every day.

The Press Association supports SB 15, which would allow the Baltimore County council to grant to the Inspector General the same authority over Baltimore County Public Schools that it has over a department of county government.

We support the maximum flow of information within government and the transparency of the Inspector General reporting. Inspector General reports often provide frequently useful information about government operations and spending that would not be available otherwise, and the public is entitled to know what is happening in the school system.

We respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 15.



We believe a strong news media is central to a strong and open society.