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To: Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Rebecca Snyder, Executive Director, MDDC Press Association

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Re: **SB763 - FAVORABLE**

The Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association represents a diverse membership of newspaper publications, from large metro dailies like the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun, to hometown newspapers such as The Annapolis Capital and the Maryland Gazette to publications such as The Daily Record, Baltimore Jewish Times, and online-only publications such as MarylandReporter.com and Baltimore Brew.

The Press Association is pleased to support Senate Bill 763, which would instill more transparency into the prosecutions of the State's Attorneys across Maryland by collecting and disclosing data about the demographics and individuals involved with all cases. This information will allow journalists a window into the big picture of prosecutions across the state and aid in the analysis of patterns of prosecution.

By consolidating this information across the state, journalists can more easily analyze and report on the information and show the efficacy – or needs – of various programs and topics relating to criminal justice.

We urge a favorable report.



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