



**SB 764**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

**Education - Student Journalists -  
Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press**

Hearing March 2, 1:00 p.m.  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Freedom of the press is fundamental to a healthy, functioning democracy. Students learning the craft of journalism must not be taught to shy away from difficult or controversial topics. They must learn the skills necessary to critically research and evaluate the facts and to present clear and unbiased reporting on all types of subjects.

SB 764 would protect their rights, and the rights of those overseeing and advising them, in this essential exercise of democracy. For this reason, SAVE our Votes strongly supports this legislation and urges a favorable report on the “New Voices of Maryland” bill.

Sincerely,

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