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Delegate Luke Clippinger
Chair, Judiciary Committee
101 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for HB35: Public Safety- Firearm Telematics- Study

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members:

As the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, I strongly support HB35 which requires the Department of State Police to study and make recommendations about installing an electronic sensor or equipment to track the location of a firearm if it becomes lost or stolen.

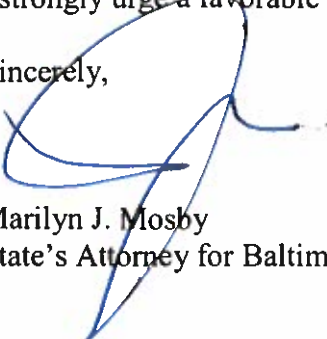
This study would address various aspects of firearm telematics such as technical feasibility, the best technology available, and recommendations for utilizing the most suitable technology. It is important to note that this technology will be used by gun owners to serve as a tool to help find their guns in the event of losing it or having it stolen.

Hundreds of thousands of guns are stolen every year, taken from houses, vehicles, and stores. Stolen guns make it into an underground market where people with past histories of violence are able to obtain firearms without restriction. Stolen guns are often recovered at crime scenes, including at the scenes of homicides and other violent crimes.

One of the most effective ways to prevent shootings and shooting deaths is to prevent violent offenders from obtaining guns. With tracking technology, gun owners can aid law enforcement with locating lost or stolen guns before they are obtained by unauthorized persons and used in the commission of violent crimes. This legislation would utilize the findings of the study to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

I strongly urge a favorable vote on HB35.

Sincerely,


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