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*Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in Support with Amendments to HB47*

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I am a member of Multiple Gun Rights organizations. Maryland Shall Issue, Associated Gun Clubs, and the National Rifle Association. I am a certified Range Safety Officer with the NRA. I compete in multiple shooting events such as Steel Challenge, 3-gun, small bore, and vintage military rifle matches. I have been an avid firearms collector for over 10 years. I support with amendments HB47.

The Firearm Safety Act of 2013 (FSA2013) already carves out provisions for certain law enforcement officers (LEO) to be exempt from the training required to receive a Handgun Qualification License (HQL). This bill adds a number of states to the list of whose residents who are LEO's, would be exempt from the training. I believe that this should go further and exempt any LEO, from any state. I believe I can say with certainty that all of these individuals would have received training that exceeds the minimums set forth by this state for the HQL. Furthermore, this exemption should be applied to retired LEO as well.

I request a favorable report after amendments.

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