

Volunteer Testimony

HB 636- SUPPORT

Child Access Prevention Public Safety - Access to Firearms - Storage Requirements

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Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gren Whitman. I live in Rock Hall, Kent Country, District 36, and am representing Kent County Citizens to Prevent Gun Violence. Our group supports House Bill 636.

If enacted, this bill will provide additional protections for children under 18 by strengthening safe-storage requirements for firearms. This will help to reduce accidental shootings as well as suicides and homicides.

This bill will reinforce a gun owner's accountability and responsibility for safe storage of his or her firearms.

I urge you to give House Bill 636 a favorable report.

Thank you.