



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Testimony in Support of HB 307 - Firearms Safe Storage-Jaelynn's Law

TO: Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee
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My name is Treuth Hicks and I am a student in Annapolis, MD. As a 14 year old, I see many people, like the kids in my school, being irresponsible with things they have that can be dangerous. In my class, I have seen other kids playing with things like glass bottles or a BB gun.

So knowing that, you can understand why I'm concerned. If young people are careless with these "safe items", imagine what they could do with a gun?

If Jaelynn's law is not passed, then we could see another soul lost to gun violence because someone either doesn't know how to handle a weapon, isn't in the right state of mind, or knows what they are doing and doesn't care.

You should also note that it is scary to see a weapon in a public space. So I also propose that people who are not required by their job to have guns, should not have a gun in public or with them in public as well.

Please take this into consideration in passing Jaelynn's law.

Thank you,
Treuth Hicks