

Testimony in Support of SB 858 - 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, be irresponsible with things they have that can be dangerous. In my class, other kids were playing with things like glass bottles, or a BB gun.

So knowing that, you can understand why young people who have access to those things are a danger, imagine if they had access to guns.

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