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February 1, 2024

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett
Judiciary Committee
Room 101
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0659 – Criminal Law - Theft of a Handgun
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support HB 0659 Criminal Law – Theft of a Handgun. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 14, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

Cecil County strongly supports this, and any bill, that creates penalties for the theft of a handgun.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send a favorable report on HB 0659.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Danielle Hornberger in black ink.

Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

Handwritten signature of Jackie Gregory in blue ink.

Jackie Gregory
President of County Council