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Randallstown NAACP supports HB 0439-Criminal Law - First-Degree Assault - Assault With a Firearm

The impact of the rise in violence has been most felt in America's Black and Brown communities. Homicides in 2020 were concentrated among Black Americans who, despite making up 14% of the population, represented more than half of the 2020 victims, according to the FBI data. Gun violence is the leading cause of death for Black males ages 15-34, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Maryland must get serious about the use of handguns by criminals.

Hb 0439 ensures that individuals who use handguns will have the appropriate punishment ensuring the protection of the public. **The Randallstown NAACP requests a favorable vote on HB 0439.**