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Randallstown NAACP supports HB 0659-Criminal Law - Theft of a Handgun

Police have reported an alarming increase in thefts of handguns from unlocked vehicles, businesses, and private residences. For decades, gun violence has taken a disproportionate and grueling toll on Black communities—leading to tens of thousands of gun deaths and hundreds of thousands of gun injuries. The impact of gun violence on this community is particularly devastating for young Black men. For too long the seriousness of handgun theft has been downgraded. Maryland and the community must show our actions to meet the seriousness of gun violence. HB 0659 signals a serious effort to stamp out gun violence.

HB 0659 signals that Maryland will not tolerate individuals stealing handguns and gives law enforcement more tools to fight violence. **The Randallstown NAACP requests a favorable vote on HB 0659.**