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TESTIMONY ON SB#0160 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Public Safety - Licensed Firearms Dealers - Notification Regarding Potential Compromise of Security Features

TO: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0160, **Public Safety - Licensed Firearms Dealers - Notification Regarding Potential Compromise of Security Features**

This bill supports gun safety by requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after discovering that certain security features may have been compromised.

Everytown for Gun Safety reports

A personalized—or “smart”—gun is a firearm that employs authorized-use technology, like the thumb scan or passcode available on many smartphones, to turn stolen guns and guns accessed by children into harmless pieces of steel. If widely implemented, it would be a game-changer for keeping guns out of the hands of children and criminals.¹

Compromising of these safety features, as reported in an AI search of data about the problem, concluded that “Disabling or failing to properly maintain firearm security features—ranging from electronic safe locks to built-in mechanical safeties—poses significant risks, including accidental death, suicide, unauthorized access, and theft. When these security measures are bypassed or fail, it often results in dangerous consequences, particularly for children and vulnerable individuals.”²

This bill creates a reporting mechanism to identify firearms whose security features have been disabled making the weapon more dangerous to the community.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0160.

¹ <https://everytownresearch.org/solution/smart-guns-and-gun-safety-requirements/>