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February 4, 2020

Honorable Members of the
Maryland Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB0208 Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Secondary Transactions

OPPOSE

Dear Honorable Senators,

The Allegany-Garrett Sportsmen's Association and its members wish to be recorded in **strong opposition** to this legislation.

Hundreds of thousands of sportsmen and sportswomen utilize rifles and shotguns (long guns) for hunting and/or recreational shooting such as still targets, sporting clays and various forms of competition. SB0208 does nothing more than penalize these law-abiding citizens and does nothing to help control gun violence as criminals will continue to either steal or purchase their weapons from the black market. In addition, long guns are rarely the choice of weapon used when committing a crime.

In addition, the majority of licensed dealers will not want the burden of completing the transaction for a long gun sale that did not come from their own inventory. The "reasonable" fee permitted under this legislation will by no means match the profits a dealer can expect from a long gun transaction taken from his own inventory. SB0208 simply places an unnecessary burden on Maryland businesses, primarily small businesses.

The Allegany-Garrett Sportsmen's Association and its members respectfully request a "NO" vote on SB0208.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Schroyer - Legislative Secretary

Gerald Zembower - President

Allegany-Garrett Sportsmen's Association