

Testimony on behalf of Jeffrey S. Folk

IN SUPPORT OF:

SB672 – Criminal Law – THEFT OF A FIREARM

Judicial Proceedings

March 3, 2020

I am a citizen of Garrett County, a loving husband and caring father of two. I am writing today in SUPPORT OF SB672.

It is time for the Senate to inject reason and remove emotion when it comes to legislation impacting the civil rights of our citizens in Maryland. Year after year, bills are proposed that only tack on criminal penalties at the time of an arrest, yet they do nothing to deter or even stop criminals from committing crimes with a firearm. This piece of legislation does something to deter theft by making it a felony.

Please focus your time, energy and effort to punish true criminals who break the law and wish to cause others harm. Removing violent criminals from society for stealing a firearm, will reduce firearms related injures and deaths in Maryland.

It is for these reasons that I am in SUPPORT of SB672 and ask that the committee return a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folk