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Members of the Judicial Committee
Maryland's State House
6 Bladen Street
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Re: House Judicial Proceedings Committee, Testimony in Opposition to HB636

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chairman Atterbeary and honorable members of the committee,

These bill as written, take away the right of a citizen to protect themselves in their own home if they have children. Just because a child "could" get access, doesn't mean they will get access. Nor should a child be restricted from access, if the child is properly trained on how to handle the firearm. They should have the right to protect themselves as well. Plenty of children are competent in their early teens as hunters and marksman. The idea that one has to be 18 years old to be responsible enough to handle a gun is incorrect. Plenty of children responsibly handle firearms at younger ages. It should not be illegal to have an unlocked firearm in your own home.

I asked you for an unfavorable report on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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