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*Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in Support of HB1288*

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I am a member of Multiple Gun Rights organizations. Maryland Shall Issue, Associated Gun Clubs, Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association, and the National Rifle Association. I am a certified Range Safety Officer with the NRA. I compete in multiple shooting events such as Steel Challenge, 3-gun, small bore, and vintage military rifle matches. I am an avid firearms collector. I support HB1288.

This bill makes sense. There is no good reason to destroy a potentially valuable or collectable firearm simply because it was possessed by a prohibited person. This bill rightly allows another method for a police department to dispose of a firearm. It is not requiring that it be sold to an FFL, but gives that option when that may make the most sense.

Because of these reasons above, I request a favorable report.

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