

Testimony on behalf of Jeffrey S. Folk

IN OPPOSITION TO:

HB591 – Public Safety – Lost or Stolen Firearm

House Judiciary

February 26, 2020

I am a citizen of Garrett County District 1A, a loving husband and caring father of two. I am writing today in OPPOSITION of HB591.

Are we now a society that locks up the victim of a crime? IF my gas can was stolen, will you lock me? If a criminal steals my vehicle, and kills someone in a hit and run, am I responsible? That's the logic that this bill puts forth.

Please focus your time, energy and effort to punish true criminals who break the law and wish to cause others harm. Do not begin to punish victims, who are not criminals,

It is for these reasons that I am in opposition of HB9591 and ask that the committee return an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folk