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*Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in Support of HB968*

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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 am a firearms collector and competitor. I support HB968

Straw purchases are a big problem. Many prohibited persons receive firearms in this manner. Unfortunately, it is rarely prosecuted. This crime must be prosecuted, and must be punished harshly. There is a question on the FF4473 that asks if you are purchasing this firearm for yourself or another. So it is very clear that this is not allowed.

I request a favorable report.

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