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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
101 House Office Building
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**HOUSE BILL 1241
SUPPORT**

Re: House Bill 1241 - Firearms – Law Enforcement – Patrol Responsibilities (Retail Firearm Business Protection Act)

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and our industry members located throughout the state of Maryland, I write today to express our support for House Bill 1241 (“HB 1241”) by Delegate Cox. Simply put, HB 1241 would allow for federally firearms licensees (“FFLs”) to collaborate with local law enforcement to monitor their firearms retail business during non-business hours.

As the trade association for America’s firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”) seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. NSSF has a membership of more than 10,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, and sportsmen's organizations. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Maryland sportsmen, the U.S. military and law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland.

HB 1241 would increase public safety efforts by allowing FFLs to coordinate with their local law enforcement agency. Anyone who prioritizes public safety would see the benefit to the passage of HB 1241. Additionally, those criminals who target FFLs should be punished for their actions by the fullest extent of the law. As FFLs remain targets for thieves, the Maryland General Assembly should consider this a win for all.

It is for the reasons stated above that the National Shooting Sports Foundation supports House Bill 1241 and we would respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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