

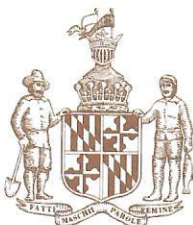
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**HB 1241 Firearms - Law Enforcement - Patrol Responsibilities
(Retail Firearm Business Protection Act)**

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Atterbeary and members of the committee:

My friends, I speak before the Committee today in support of our State's law enforcement community and our State's 2nd Amendment community. HB 1241 is an attempt to strengthen the relationships between these two communities. In 2013, it was reported that the State of Maryland was third highest in the country for guns either lost or stolen. Stolen guns by criminals in Maryland have contributed to hundreds of homicides in our State over the last decade.

HB 1241 is an effort to have law enforcement in our State and Licensed Firearm Dealers (FFL's) improve collaboration, communication, and coordination in order to ensure these businesses are safe. In doing this it will reduce the amount of attempted robberies against licensed FFL's, keeping firearms out of the hands criminals, and protecting licensed FFL's in Maryland, who are small business owners, from hundreds of thousands of dollars of costly regulations they cannot afford. I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable vote on HB 1241.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Cox".

Dan Cox