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State of Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

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Re: Bill: **SB0015** - Firearms - Handgun Permit - Notice of Expiration and Renewal

Instructions

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this bill.

I have been a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit holder for over ten years. While the process has been updated and changed over that time, one thing has not – the fact that the permit holder is solely responsible for renewing his/her permit without any reminder or instruction from the Maryland State Police.

The Motor Vehicle Administration sends out renewal reminders and instructions to renew your driver's license, your emissions certificate, and your vehicle registration. The Court Clerk's Offices send out renewal reminders and instructions to renew your trader's license. I believe it's discriminatory to Maryland permit holders not to offer the same reminder and renewal instructions.

I live close the Maryland/Pennsylvania border and, as such, possess a Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearm (PA's version of a MD Wear and Carry Permit). Pennsylvania mails me a renewal reminder along with instructions on how to renew before my Pennsylvania permit expires. I believe Maryland should extend the same courtesy to its permit holders.

I respectfully ask that you give a favorable vote on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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