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Chairman William C. Smith Jr.
90 State Cir
Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of our members in Maryland, I would like to communicate our support for Senate Bill 560.

Theft of a firearm is considered a felony in many other states, including Washington and California. In 2016, California voters approved Proposition 63 by more than 63%, which among other policies moved theft of a firearm from a misdemeanor to a felony.

We as an organization believe that classifying theft of a firearm as a felony will protect gun owners, while an important crime deterrent. This legislation would directly address the understandable and justified concerns from law enforcement regarding firearm theft and subsequent criminal activities.

For the foregoing reasons NRA supports SB560.

Sincerely,

D.J. Spiker
Maryland State Director
NRA-ILA

CC: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher
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