

Hon. Delegate Luke Clippinger  
Judiciary Committee  
Room 101 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: HB200 Public Safety - Access to Firearms - Storage Requirements (Jaelynn's Law)  
Hearing March 1, 2021**

**Position: Oppose**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members:

I oppose this bill on several grounds, but primarily on the use of the terms “Knew or should have known”. Judgement on what someone “should have known “ is arbitrary, and will subject law-abiding Marylanders to charges, with each court jurisdiction trying to define “should have known”. This vague language is leaving open each court in the state, and every law enforcement agency to have its own definition(s).

Additionally, the language of the bill itself is inconsistent. On page 2, Line 15, the term “FOR A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN” should be “FOR A FIREARM”. The same change would be needed at Line 20. The hunter safety course by the Department of Natural Resources includes handguns, not just rifles and shotguns.

I am available to answer any questions which you may have. Please feel free to contact me, Steven Randol, 410-695-2183, or [stevenrandol9@gmail.com](mailto:stevenrandol9@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

*Steven K Randol*