NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

**INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION** 11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030





January 29, 2021

Chairman Anne R. Kaiser 90 State Cir Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Dear Chairman Kaiser:

On behalf of our members in Maryland, I would like to communicate our opposition to House Bill 450.

Federal and existing state law already encompass a ban on firearms at an overwhelming majority of polling locations in Maryland. However, there are some instances where localities will use private property, such as senior centers, churches, and private halls. We as an organization believe that private property owners are in the best posture to determine what is best for their property.

Further, there are a number of existing federal and state laws that prohibit voter intimidation, public demonstrations, and electioneering near polling places that encompass the concerns the legislation.

For the foregoing reasons NRA opposes SB309.

Sincerely,

D.J. Spiker Maryland State Director NRA-ILA

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