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Greetings,

Good afternoon distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee. For the record, I am Shaneka Henson, District 30A Delegate. Chairwoman Kaiser and Vice Chair Washington, thank you for presenting me with the opportunity to share HB450 "Election Law Polling Sites Firearms Prohibition" with the intent on securing your favorable vote.

This bill will simply prohibit people from bringing firearms arms within 100ft of polling sites during an election, excluding of course law enforcement officers or security guards. There are currently ten other states that have adopted this legislation: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas.

In short, guns have no place at an election site. Violence has no place in democracy. This year, this month, has tried the limits of safety and security in elections and HB450 will take a productive step to giving our voters ease and confidence in their democratic duty. For these reasons, I ask for your favorable vote.

Thank you,
Delegate Shaneka T. Henson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SHANEKA HENSON".