



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0387
PUBLIC SAFETY – UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS**

Bill Sponsor: President

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0387 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Anyone who has gone to great lengths to conceal a gun from any attempt to register it, should be convicted. If they are found to have done this more than once, the fines and jail time should be applicable to each instance.

Our Coalition supports the thrust of this bill, in making it illegal to own a gun that does not have a serial number and registration. We are anxious to ensure that ownership of these guns is prohibited, and we do like the fact that there is up to 3 years in jail and up to \$10,000 in fines for each time this happens.

We would all like to live in a society where all personal gun use is illegal. We would have many, many fewer deaths. If we have to live with guns, they should at least be registered and owned by people who are capable of following laws.

We recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.