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Thank you for this time. My name is Nicole Hollywood. I live in Salisbury, Maryland in District 37 in Senator Eckardt's District. I am a volunteer with the Maryland Chapter of Moms Demand Action. I am also a gun owner, survivor of gun violence, a mother, and an educator.

I took the day off work from my university and drove nearly two hours one way from my home in rural Maryland because I support SB 387. I support SB 387 because ghost guns are available to anyone with a credit card, including prohibited purchasers like domestic abusers and we need to do all that we can to ensure that we are keeping our communities safe.

I understand firsthand that domestic abusers far too often use firearms to coerce and terrorize their victims. I have used the court to obtain a protective order for myself and my children and I appreciate that Maryland law makes it illegal for someone to have a firearm if there is a valid civil protective order issued. But, with the prevalence, and ease of access of ghost guns, domestic abusers are able to circumvent State law and easily obtain a firearm with no background check to prevent their purchase.

Thank you for your time and I ask you for a favorable report out of committee.