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**Senate Bill 0387 – Public Safety - Untraceable Firearms  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee – February 16, 2022  
FAVORABLE**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony regarding a top priority of the **Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club (WDC)**. WDC is one of the largest and most active Democratic Clubs in the State, with hundreds of politically active women and men, including many elected officials.

**WDC urges the passage of SB0387.** As the Gifford's organization states, "If you can build IKEA furniture, you can build a ghost gun." These guns are easy to build and easy to buy. Their numbers are increasing exponentially. In 2016, Prince George's County police encountered just one ghost gun. Last year, they encountered 264 ghost guns. In Montgomery County, the numbers have increased 5-fold in 2 years. Now, ghost guns are being purchased by children in easy to assemble kits. We were horrified to see that just last month, a Montgomery County student shot another student with a ghost gun in the school bathroom.

As you know, because ghost guns do not have serial numbers, they are nearly impossible to trace, and can be purchased by people who would not pass a background check.

Ghost guns favor criminals. An untraceable weapon makes investigating crimes far more difficult for law enforcement. Unsolved murders using ghost guns result in emboldened criminals. We need to make life easier for law enforcement and more difficult for criminals. Not the other way around.

The gun lobby has a monetary interest in increasing gun ownership and eliminating gun laws. They have misinterpreted the second amendment to mean "all guns for all people at all times," arguing frequently in support of peoples' hobbies. We need to address ghost guns now for the safety of millions, and *not* prioritize the hobby of a few.

This legislation will save lives. This can't be said of all legislation. It can be said about SB037.

**We ask for your support for SB0387 and strongly urge a favorable Committee report.**

Respectfully,

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President