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**INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD

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March 9, 2022

Chairman Luke Clippinger  
90 State Cir  
Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Dear Chairman Clippinger:

On behalf of our members in Maryland, I would like to communicate our support for House Bill 1174.

Maryland's permitting system for carrying, wearing, or transporting a handgun is one of the strictest in the nation. Requiring extensive training, a demonstration of competency, and background check, HB 1174 would be a small expansion of the permitting system, allowing an individual to carry for personal protection and/or self-defense. These commonsense additions uphold and restore a tradition that predates the founding of the republic itself. These small changes to the code will serve to make all Marylanders safer.

For the foregoing reasons NRA supports HB1174.

Sincerely,

D.J. Spiker  
Maryland State Director  
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