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HB0659 Firearm Safety - Storage Requirements and Youth Suicide Prevention

Unfavorable

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I am a student, Eagle Scout, family man, as well as a Civil Rights Enthusiast. I have voted independently, I am currently registered as a Libertarian, and I have a diverse set of views (some left, some right). These include but are not limited to: equality, limiting abuse of police power, protection of minority groups (such as my direct LGBT family) and decriminalization of victimless crimes (drug possession, gun possession, exercising civil rights, etc.).

As a Maryland gunowner I am frequently subjected to new and deceptive forms of gun control, including arbitrarily difficult storage requirements. Additionally, since gun ownership is burdensomely expensive in this state, saving enough money to buy a sufficiently secure safe is often difficult or impossible for less privileged prospective gun owners. Additionally, and perhaps most concerning, the harshest penalty in this proposed bill would put a gunowner in jail for three years, stripping him of his right to keep and bear arms; this punishment is harsh, and contradicts promises made in other Democrat proposed bills to focus on decriminalization/rehabilitation over incarceration. For these reasons I urge an unfavorable report of House Bill 659.

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