



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

### Testimony in Support of SB 387 - Public Safety - Untraceable Firearms

TO: Delegate Clippinger, Chair and the members of the Judiciary Committee

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We, as Unitarian Universalists, believe we all belong to an interconnected community responsible for the safety and well-being of everyone. We have seen how gun violence affects all of us, as the effects of one event ripples out into the community.

So why would anyone want to allow untraceable guns, including 3D printed guns and firearms assembled from kits without serial numbers to exist? They cannot be traced and can otherwise circumvent Maryland's regulated firearm registry.

We should all be able to agree that common sense gun laws save lives! This bill is a means to keep criminals and domestic abusers from gaining access to untraceable "ghost" guns.

Some of you were Maryland legislators when the Firearms Act of 2013 was signed into law. These measures have been effective in decreasing gun violence without compromising the rights of law-abiding citizens.

We ask our legislators to stand on the side of love and justice. Please vote for this bill and remove any of the non-technical, limiting amendments added by the Senate. We need to strengthen Maryland's gun violence prevention laws to further limit the ability of dangerous and irresponsible individuals' access to firearms.

The measure before you today is another tool for law enforcement to protect the people from gun violence. We urge a favorable report.

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