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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 655 – Income Tax – Credit for Firearm Safety Devices

Dear Senators,

We support SB 655 and respectfully request that you vote for it.

It makes sense to provide a credit for the purchase of a firearm safety device, such as a gun safe.

However, we feel that the credit amount is too small. It will accommodate covering the cost of some low-end/small number of handguns, but will not come close to assisting with the cost of a gun safe that would be able to store larger firearms such as shotguns and rifles for those who hunt. These safes can run from just less than \$1000 to \$7,000 or more.

Suggested Amendment:

We suggest raising the credit to a minimum of \$500 and preferably \$1000.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers