

Testimony of Art Novotny in OPPOSITION to SB159
(Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry)

Discussing, let alone implementing this bill seems to me a waste of everyone's time. Surely Everytown, Mom's Demanding Action, et al. would be happy to organize some sort of pledge system (like a high schooler's "Prom Promise") without tying up tax dollars that are so desperately needed elsewhere. For all I care, they could set up outside of gun stores (like some folks do at abortion clinics), offering alternatives and extravagant quid pro quo compensations for signing their registry, as long as they are using their own money and not state funds.

Maryland's firearm purchase requirements are robust enough that no one will "accidentally" become a gun owner.

Most importantly, I wish to record my intention that my name, Art Novotny, NEVER be added to that list. If I decide that I no longer want to purchase firearms, I will voluntarily stop purchasing firearms completely on my own without squandering any government resources.

Please return an unfavorable report on this bill

Thank you, and I apologize for wasting your time.

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