

SB 0564 Criminal Law- Theft of a Handgun

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I am the State Director of the DC Project Women for Gun Rights, State Leader of the Armed Women of America (AWA) and a Maryland Shall Issue Volunteer. I represent women from all over the state – many more than just myself.

Thank you Senator Ready for bringing this bill up once again to be put in to law. We need this type of consequence in Maryland. All too often there are criminals who steal firearms who have a small fine and immediate release only to go out and steal again. This is no consequence for the crime committed- a crime that could easily turn a simple robbery into a loss of life if the stolen firearm is used.

When I was a kid my Grandmother made me go get my own switch when I did something wrong- and not a whimpy one! That was consequence for a child. It made me realize that if I did something that was wrong it was going to hurt! Corporal punishment in its own right- so why do we do something so minor to someone who has taken a firearm from a law abiding citizen? Again a firearm (a weapon that could be used as deadly force) not just property worth less than \$1500.

Please consider this bill as an increase to law-abiding citizens safety as it will remove criminals from the streets who knowingly possess and use stolen firearms to commit violent crimes.

Please find a favorable report on SB 0564