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Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 0564 - Favorable Report Request

Chairman Smith and Judicial Proceedings Committee Members:

Now is the time to take the power away from the criminals. The first step in doing so, would be to hold criminals accountable for their actions as written in Senate Bill 0564. Making theft of a firearm, and more specifically a handgun, a felony, is a much needed step in the right direction. As a law abiding Maryland Wear and Carry Permit holder, I take responsibility in securing my firearms from theft. Unfortunately, criminals will find a way to illegally obtain a firearm. We must impose harsh penalties, including imprisonment, to deter firearm thefts. Therefore, I am requesting a favorable report from the Judicial Proceedings Committee on Senate Bill 0564.

Sincerely,

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