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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0656-Criminal Law-Failure to Properly Store Firearm-Death of Another

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 656 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

We agree that the death of a child is a terrible thing and should be avoided. However, to pass a bill regarding the storage of firearms in a private home, business etc., is government overreach and should not be allowed.

Fining a person for violating a bill such as this will do nothing to repair the damage from an accident that would harm or kill the child.

And convicting a person of felony for violating this bill is unjust. Because, if a child acquires the firearm unknowingly by the owner, the child, and potentially his/her parents are liable.

My suggestion is to generate more awareness of the problem and encourage parents to educate their children about what to do if they find a firearm – which is to leave it alone!

Please vote against SB 656.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers