



TESTIMONY TO SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SB0159-Firearms - Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry - Establishment

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland Supports the passage of SB00159-Firearms - Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry – Establishment. This bill would require the State Department of Police to establish a voluntary do not sell firearms registry in which a person would enroll and be prohibited from purchasing or obtaining a firearm.

The League strongly believes that protecting the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons will help to reduce the impacts of gun violence in our communities. Establishing a voluntary do not sell database would help to prevent more people unqualified people from obtaining a firearm.

In addition, for people who are aware of their mental health status and recognize that it can be unstable this may offer another level of protection for themselves and other members of the community. This voluntary do not sell registry would prevent them from purchasing a firearm in an unstable state.

The League of Women Voters Maryland urges a favorable report on SB0159.