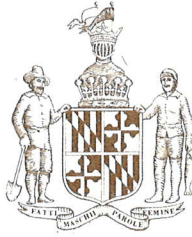


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**SB 185**

**MSP Gun Center – Firearms Surrender Under Final Protective Order**

Good afternoon Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of Judicial Proceedings;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 185, Maryland State Police Gun Center – Firearms Surrendered Under Final Protective Orders. Last year, MGA passed SB 861 which established within the MSP Gun Center a statewide firearms enforcement center for the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearm crimes committed in the state. This bill would expand the role of the Center to require each law enforcement agency to report to the Center information about firearms surrendered pursuant to a final protective order.

SB 185 would not change anything about when and how firearms are surrendered pursuant to a protective order. SB 185 is simply data collection bill. It would be the first step in analyzing whether our current system of protective order gun surrendering is effective.

Tracking firearms surrendered pursuant to a final protective order would be another tool for providing safety to survivors of domestic violence. I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 185.