

Testimony in support of HB [1116](#)

Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders (Sagar Ghimire Act)

Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am testifying in support of HB 1116, which would convene a working group to reassess Maryland's extreme-risk gun law. This bill is named after my brother, Sagar Ghimire, who was tragically killed in a shooting in Woodlawn in 2021.

Sagar was a kind and caring person who had just graduated from Claflin University in South Carolina and moved to the Parkview Crossing townhome complex in Woodlawn when the shooting occurred. He was excited to start his new life in Maryland and looked forward to making new friends and exploring the area. But Sagar's life was cut short by a senseless act of violence. He and two other innocent people were killed by a neighbor experiencing a mental health crisis. This tragedy has devastated our family, and we still struggle to understand what happened.

My family believes this tragedy might have been prevented if Maryland had more robust policies to assist those experiencing mental health crises. The neighbor had a history of contacting law enforcement about his paranoid delusions, but no action was taken to prevent him from accessing firearms.

HB 1116 is essential to prevent future tragedies like the one that took my brother's life. By convening a working group to reassess Maryland's extreme-risk gun law, we can ensure that the necessary policies are in place to protect our communities from gun violence.

Please support this bill and do everything possible to ensure it becomes law. Unfortunately, we cannot bring my brother back, but we can work to prevent other families from experiencing the same kind of loss.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kripa Ghimire