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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**SB 185**

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

Good afternoon Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon and Members of Judiciary Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 185, Maryland State Police Gun Center – Firearms Surrendered Under Final Protective Orders; it passed the Senate with a vote of 47 to 0. 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, SB 185, would expand the role of the Center requiring 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 a 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 to provide safety for survivors of domestic violence. SB 185 is the cross-file of HB 3, that was reviewed by this committee and passed the House 124 to 13.

I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 185.