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TESTIMONY ON HB#1166 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Handguns - Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws - Handbook Publication

TO: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of/ HB#/1166, Handguns - Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws - Handbook Publication

The idea behind this bill is simple – instruct people how to properly behave under the laws of Maryland regarding firearms. While I am in favor of significant restrictions on possession of firearms, their monitoring of effects on society in a public health context, and holding manufacturers liable for misuse this bill is a stopgap measure while we strive to lower the incidence of guns and gun violence in Maryland.

Everyone in possession of a firearm must know what is or is not permitted under the law. It will make enforcement of gun laws more certain and specific to violations of handgun laws. It will add to the tools law enforcement can use to control the flow of weapons and their possession and use.

While we continue to work on common sense gun laws this is one of the steps I think might, for the time being, be of use in that work.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1166.