



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0475
Center for Firearm Violence Prevention-Establishment**

**Establishing the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention in the MD
Department of Health to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence
and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State and local
communities**

FAVORABLE

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TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Senator Katherine Klausmeir and members of the Finance Committee.

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DATE: February 29, 2024

Chair Senator Beidle, Senator Klausmeir and members of the Finance Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to write testimony in favor of SB0475.

I firmly believe that we must enact strong legislation that will truly protect all citizens from gun violence.

The only way to accomplish this is through education and strong legislation. We cannot continue to allow the injuries and killings to continue.

Episcopal Church positions support laws to enhance Firearm Prevention at all levels of government. This includes local, State and federal levels.

Working together by partnering to pass comprehensive legislation that will support purchaser licensing, background checks, restrictions on sale, ownership and use of firearms are all supported by the Episcopal Church.

Thank you

The Diocese of Maryland requests a Favorable report