

SB1097

I vehemently oppose this bill.

It has been proven time and time again that gun buybacks simply do not work, do **not** decrease crimes **or** suicides in the area where the gun buybacks are held and are racist in nature.

When guns are turned in at these buyback programs, the guns that **are** turned in are generally **not** guns that have been used in crimes. They are guns that a grandmother or mother no longer wants in the house and probably didn't want in the house in the first place. Also turned in are printed, incomplete lowers that are made for mere **pennies** where one receives \$25 - \$50 or more store or debit cards for **each** printed part that they turn in.

Criminals who are not caught with their guns **will not** be turning in their guns. These are their tool that they use to intimidate their victims to steal their valuables. Without their guns, they are on potentially equal footing as their potential victims and vice versa. We have tools in-place for suicide prevention that are much more effective than gun buybacks that are much more effective.

These gun buyback programs usually target the Black and Brown communities all around Maryland and around the country. These programs are **NEVER** set-up in other communities where few Black and/or Brown families live. While crimes are committed with guns in the Black and Brown community, there are also crimes committed with guns in the White community. And criminals tend to not go far from where they live to commit these crimes.

This bill is strictly **for show**. No crimes or suicides will be prevented by it becoming law.

I ask that this bill receive an unfavorable review.