

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Subject: SB0039 (HB0381)

Date January 29, 2024

Dear Senators,

SB0039 - Gun Felony Theft Act

The Baltimore County Republican Party completely **SUPPORTS** SB0039 and HB0381 Gun Felony Theft Act.

Illegal weapons are involved in a high percentage of criminal activity.

Studies in Chicago and San Fransisco show that 90% of crimes committed with weapons are with illegal firearms and that the firearms are stolen and /or easy to acquire.

Therefore, stealing a firearm should be a felony.

Thank you,

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