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January 31, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0378 Criminal Law – Theft of a Handgun
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously supports SB 0378 Criminal Law – Theft of a Handgun. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on February 1, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

Cecil County strongly supports this, and any bill, the creates penalties for the theft of a handgun.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send a favorable report on SB 0378.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hornberger".

Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory
President of County Council