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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Senate Bill 501 – Handguns – Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws – Handbook Publication

February 5, 2024

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly endorse Senate Bill 501, which requires the Secretary of the State Police to annually publish a handbook summarizing state laws relating to wearing, carrying, and transporting a handgun in public; and requires the Secretary to make copies of the handbook available to members of the public. The handbook will begin being published annually on Oct. 1st, 2024.

The passage of this bill ensures the materials/readings for proper education on firearm ownership laws in Maryland are widely available to firearm owners and those looking to purchase a firearm. This bill would benefit public safety in the state regarding firearms by promoting education on the laws and regulations in the state. Education is key to safe firearm usage in our state. This would keep our citizens up to date on the laws regarding firearms in our state and foster public well-being.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter and urge you to support the passage of Senate Bill 501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay

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