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**WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND**  
**THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

February 29, 2024

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

Dear Chair William C. Smith, Jr.,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **SB753 Public Safety – Firearm Background Checks, Victim Notification, and the Maryland State Police Gun Center.**

This bill requires a law enforcement agency that receives a certain report of a prohibited person failing a background check to notify certain victims, also requiring the Secretary of State Police to notify the Maryland State Police Gun Center of certain information if the Secretary disapproves a firearm application because a prospective purchaser, lessee, or transferee failed a background check. This legislation ensures that the victim of the person attempting to buy the firearm be notified of the attempt. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the safety and well-being of victims and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edith J. Patterson'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Delegate Edith J. Patterson  
President