



Testimony in **Favor with Amendments** of

Handguns - Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws - Handbook Publication

HB1166

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Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Bartlett, and distinguished members of the committee,

Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence (MPGV) is committed to mitigating gun-related fatalities and injuries statewide in Maryland. We acknowledge the significance of education in preventing gun violence and emphasize the importance of educating firearm owners about state firearm laws and regulations. MPGV proposes amendments to the current bill, advocating for the inclusion of firearm safety measures, particularly emphasizing safe storage practices and suicide prevention strategies. Drawing from the precedents set by legislation like Jaelynn's Law, which has partially addressed these concerns in previous years, we recommend that this section be informed by guidance from the Maryland Department of Health. With these modifications, MPGV extends its support for this legislation.