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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building, Room 101
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Luke Clippinger,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **HB869 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 is notified of the attempt as well as alerting the proper authorities that the person who was denied had attempted to purchase a weapon. This allows for law enforcement to be aware as well as provides the victim with the chance to protect themselves. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the safety and well-being of victims and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President