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Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is John Weber and I represent the National Rifle Association and our members in Maryland. The NRA is opposed to SB 444.

Gun buybacks can be costly and time consuming for state and local governments entities. Mandating destruction of firearms will only increase these costs. Additionally, there have been examples in the media of entities improperly disposing of firearms.

Law enforcement and other entities who choose to engage in gun buyback programs should not be mandated to destroy firearms and accessories. These items can be used by law enforcement agencies or sold by law enforcement to a person who is legally able to possess them.

Thank you,

NRA-ILA State Director