



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

### Testimony Support - 1287 - Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Convertible Pistols

TO: Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee  
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Unitarians Universalists recognize the inherent danger of firearms that are convertible to machine guns. We have a moral obligation and responsibility to uphold the law that machine guns are unlawful for citizens to own.

Manufacturers of certain pistols know that their firearms are easily converted into machine guns. These manufacturers have refused to alter the design of these firearms in order to prevent the conversion into machine guns.

**HB 1287** defines a “convertible pistol” as a semiautomatic pistol that can be converted into a machine gun. **HB 1287** prohibits any transaction regarding a convertible pistol.

We urge you for a favorable vote on **House Bill 1287**. We ask you to stand on the side of love and justice. We believe that these provisions will strengthen public safety in Maryland.

We urge a favorable report,

Thank you

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