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Testimony prepared for the
Judiciary Committee
on
House Bill 1050
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Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify for public safety as a human right. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a faith community with three judicatories across our State.

Our community has stated support for adequate weapons regulation as an essential for public security and safety. At this point the American public has substantially come into agreement with most of our community's commitments on the subject, according to polling data.

Our community has supported "red-flag" siblings, beginning with early iterations of firearm surrender at the imposition of a protective order. Strengthening the effect of that Maryland law is good policy because it can save lives and reduce public mayhem.

Thus, we implore your favorable report for **House Bill 1050**.

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