



Testimony of Luisa Depkin, Founder, Team ENOUGH Baltimore

Support for HB 1287 [FAV]

Before the Maryland House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Bartlett, and other Distinguished Members of the Maryland House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Luisa Depkin and I am a senior in high school and the leader and founder of Team ENOUGH Baltimore. Team ENOUGH is a youth led organization that works to fight gun violence. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1287.

As a teenager, I have grown up in a world where gun violence is normal. Where if I heard about a school shooting, it's not surprising. When I grew up, I felt as though every school shooting was done by an atomic weapon. It's all people would talk about, even in middle school. A quote that has always stuck by me is "there is nothing left of these kids," said on some late night talk show about the effects of automatic weapons used in school shootings. The sad truth is that they were right. Automatic firearms have no place in society and I'm proud to live in a state where automatic weapons are illegal. But I am not proud to live in a state where it is so easy to turn a semi automatic firearm into an automatic that can shoot down dozens of people at a time.

While this issue is not the fault of Maryland, it's Maryland's job to fix it and the solution is very clear. HB 1287 simply requires firearm manufacturers to create a different design so that their semi automatic firearms cannot be easily converted into an automatic by an auto sear. While this will not completely fix the problem, it is a great first step.

In this world, it is so incredibly easy to get an auto sear. With the right connections you can easily 3D print one which gives access to these dangerous weapons to too many people. Passing HB 1287 will make it much harder for auto sears to turn semiautomatic weapons to automatic.

In September of 2024, a mass shooter in Alabama used a “glock switch” to murder four people and leave seventeen others injured. In July 2024, another shooting in Alabama left four dead and thirty-two injured while using a glock switch. This was a sweet sixteen party.

HB1287 is an effective solution as it purely changes the design of these firearms. People will still be available to purchase firearms, thus not limiting anyone's second amendment right, and it costs no money for the state. This bill will help save the lives of many. It will save the lives of the children who haven't even begun to live their lives yet. Who haven't been able to make a meaningful impact on the world, not because they didn't want to but because they were killed by a firearm before they had the chance to.

Signed,

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