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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair
and Members of the Ways & Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Members:

RE: **HB0937** – Sales and Use Tax – Firearms, Firearm Accessories, and Ammunition – Rate
Alteration – **OPPOSE**

HB0937 will double Maryland's sales and use tax from 6% to 12% on the sale of a firearm in Maryland. Every firearm purchase is already subject to an 11% federal excise tax imposed by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (Pittman-Robertson Act).

The sales and use tax increase on firearms represents a **100% Maryland tax increase**. This is excessive and can only be interpreted as punitive. The Maryland General Assembly has passed numerous bills in recent years to burden gun owners and discourage gun ownership. The Maryland Federation of Republican Women opposes HB0937 because its primary purpose is to deter the purchase of firearms by law-abiding citizens.

Please give **HB0937** an **UNFAVORABLE** report.

Sincerely,
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