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Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 0020, the Family and Law Enforcement Protection Act. I am a resident of District 8 and a volunteer with Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence.

On September 2, 2025 one of my neighbors in District 8 was shot and killed in her home by a former partner. This neighbor lived within walking distance of my family; we pass the house every day. For a week after the murder, there were masses of balloons and flowers at the doorstep. Then, my neighbor's belongings were abandoned outside in a heap as the house was emptied and cleaned.

Domestic violence, fueled by easy access to firearms, devastated a family and deeply disturbed our neighborhood. I won't forget what it was like to drive past the house on September 3 and see distraught family and friends gathered outside. Seeing this neighbor's belongings sit abandoned outside was hurtful. Every time I drive past this house, I think about the horrible act. Neighbors and community members are also undoubtedly impacted each time someone is killed; each act of gun violence reverberates throughout our neighborhoods.

If the General Assembly had acted boldly and decisively, the Family and Law Enforcement Protection Act could have passed in the 2025 legislative session. *Would the legislation have prevented the murder of my neighbor?*

I am not willing to wait and see if another neighbor is killed through domestic violence and easy access to firearms. I urge a favorable report on SB 0020.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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