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TESTIMONY ON SB#0692- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Firearms Dealers and Employees - Required Training and Exam

TO: Chair Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0692, **Firearms Dealers and Employees - Required Training and Exam**

This bill requires that anyone who is licensed as, applying to be licensed as, or employed by, a State-regulated firearms dealer has completed a required training that will include, at a minimum, provided instruction on:

- state and federal laws regulating the transfer of firearms and ammunition
- preventing and reporting to law enforcement the theft of firearms and ammunition
- teaching customers firearm safety, including safe storage and handling of firearms
- recognizing and reporting to law enforcement signs of:
 - straw purchases
 - firearm trafficking
 - fraudulent activity
 - an individual who intends to use a firearm for an unlawful purpose or self-harm
 - any other subject the secretary determines is appropriate

This bill will meet these goals by requiring the Secretary of State Police to approve a certain training course and offer a certain exam for certain individuals licensed as, applying to be licensed as, or employed by, a State-regulated firearms dealer; requiring certain individuals to complete training and satisfactorily pass a certain exam described in the Act; requiring the Secretary to disapprove an application for a dealer's license under certain circumstances; etc.

This bill does not restrict rights under the Second Amendment but ensures that the person acquiring the firearm receives it from someone who is trained and able to support legal and responsible gun ownership.

I respectfully urge this committee to return an favorable report on SB#0692.