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TO: The Honorable Will Smith
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Tiffany Clark
Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Attorney General

RE: Senate Bill 334 - Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols (Support in Concept)

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The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) supports in concept **Senate Bill 334 - Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols**, which proposes to prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, purchase, receipt, or transfer of machine gun convertible pistols beginning January 1, 2027.

As Maryland's elected Chief Legal Officer, the Attorney General supervises and directs the legal business of the State. The OAG advises and represents State institutions, agencies, boards, commissions, and officials, while representing Maryland's interests in state and federal litigation. The OAG uses its authority to enforce the rule of law, protect Marylanders, and promote the public good.

Senate Bill 334 addresses the growing public safety threat posed by illegal aftermarket devices commonly known as "Glock switches". These devices convert semiautomatic pistols into fully automatic machine guns capable of firing hundreds of rounds per minute. These devices have been increasingly recovered in connection with violent crimes across Maryland and the nation. By restricting the commercial transfer of pistols with design features that facilitate easy conversion to machine guns, this legislation takes a proactive approach to reducing the availability of firearms that are readily compatible with these dangerous illegal accessories.

This legislation directly supports our efforts to combat gun violence, protect Maryland communities, and enhance public safety through evidence-based policy interventions.

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While we support the bill's intent and public safety objectives, we recommend that the Committee consider technical refinements to enhance clarity and facilitate effective implementation. There are key terms in this bill that would benefit from additional definition to ensure consistent application and enforceability, such as: "readily converted," "common household tools," and specific design feature descriptions. We believe these refinements will strengthen the bill's ability to achieve its intended public safety goals.

We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the bill's sponsors and the Committee to refine the statutory language and ensure the bill can be implemented effectively to protect Marylanders.

We appreciate the General Assembly's work on this important policy and welcome the opportunity to share our perspective.

Cc: Members of the Committee