



TESTIMONY
SB0830 – Handgun Roster Reform

Bill Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Aileen Alex, Co-Chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in support of SB0830 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. We are an association of unpaid citizen advocates—individuals and grassroots groups in every district across the state—representing and supporting more than 30,000 Marylanders.

SB0830 modernizes Maryland’s handgun roster system by requiring two basic steps that most Marylanders assume already exist: a legal review to ensure a handgun complies with Maryland law, and safety testing to confirm it meets state standards. It is surprising that these safeguards are not already mandatory.

The bill directs the Attorney General or their designee to review petitions to add handguns to the roster and requires the Maryland State Police or an accredited laboratory to conduct testing before approval. These measures strengthen accountability and ensure that Maryland’s laws are applied consistently and transparently.

SB0830 aligns directly with the mission of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. Our work centers on transparency, accountability, and protecting Marylanders from preventable harm. A roster system that allows handguns to be approved without legal review or safety testing undermines those values. By closing this gap, SB0830 strengthens public trust and ensures that Maryland’s standards for firearm safety are meaningfully enforced. For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on SB0830.