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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge a favorable report on House Bill 1339, Handgun Roster Reform. I am a resident of District 8 and a volunteer with Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence.

I trust that state offices, services, and boards will function as intended by law. I expect that Maryland's public schools will provide quality education, that health inspectors will visit local restaurants, and that state courts will follow written procedures and laws.

However, the Handgun Roster is not currently functioning as intended by law. The Roster was established to ensure safe, reliable, lawful firearms are sold in Maryland. However, currently, firearms are approved without robust evaluation, safety testing is minimal, and there is no way to reevaluate firearms with new information. *Strangely and concerningly, the Handgun Roster frequently applies the wrong statutory definitions in its work.* Changes are needed to ensure the Handgun Roster functions correctly and achieves its mission.

HB 1339 begins the important process of realigning the Handgun Roster to its original purpose. As a state resident, I would like all Maryland boards to function correctly. It weakens our state and communities to have irregular processes that veer from written laws and procedures. In a matter as serious as firearms, we must ensure the Handgun Roster is fulfilling its original mission.

I urge a favorable report on HB 1339. Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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