



## TESTIMONY

### HB1306 Assisted Outpatient Treatment – Surrender or Seizure of Firearms

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Phillips

**Committee:** House Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Aileen Alex, Co-Chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1306 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.

While Maryland saw a historic decrease in homicides in 2025, recent 2026 incidents—including a shooting inside a Rockville high school and a triple shooting in Oxon Hill—prove that more work needs to be done.

HB1306 strengthens Maryland’s firearm safety framework by closing a gaping hole: individuals who have been ordered by a court to participate in outpatient mental-health treatment may still possess firearms unless a separate prohibition is imposed. This bill creates a solution by ordering individuals under such treatment plans to surrender any firearms in their possession and prohibiting them from purchasing or possessing firearms for the duration of the court order. These safeguards are narrowly tailored, evidence-based, and consistent with Maryland’s longstanding commitment to balancing individual rights with community safety.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition has consistently supported legislation that reduces gun violence and prevents avoidable tragedies. HB1306 aligns with that mission by ensuring that firearms are removed from situations where risk is elevated and where a court has already determined that structured treatment is necessary.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB1306.