



Testimony of Layla Greten, Team ENOUGH
Support for HB 741 [FAV]
Before the Maryland House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and esteemed members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Layla Greten. I am a high school student at Archbishop Spalding High School and the founder of a local Team ENOUGH chapter, a youth-led initiative under The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. I am writing to voice my support for HB 741. As the President of Team ENOUGH Baltimore, I lead nearly 50 students across Maryland and multiple school chapters, with a shared passion and commitment to gun violence prevention.

HB 741 will create standardized, regular training enabling dealers and their employees to identify purchasers at risk of harming themselves or others. Firearm dealers are on the frontline. They are the only barrier in place that can prevent someone who should not have access to a gun from accessing one. Even the National Shooting Sports Foundation agrees. They highlighted a story about a firearm retailer who denied the sale of an AR-15 who was clearly exhibiting signs of a potential criminal purchase. By noticing the odd behavior and questions the individual was asking, this retailer prevented the sale of a firearm with a history of violence against Americans.

Educated employees will be able to respond to red flags indicating a possible straw purchase. For example, someone unwilling to undergo a background check, is unfamiliar with the firearm they are purchasing, or is communicating with someone on the phone during the purchase. Equipping employees with the tools to prevent gun trafficking will instrumentally support the ATF's "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" awareness campaign. According to the ATF, trafficked guns are used in twice as many shootings as guns that are not trafficked, meaning identifying straw purchasers is a prime way to actually prevent violence and save lives.

Training will lower dealer liability by ensuring they have a comprehensive understanding of federal and state law, as well as ATF updated policies. The importance of a standardized training program is accepted not just by stakeholders and advocates, but by gun dealers, the NSSF - The Firearm Industry Trade Association, and ORCHID - A compliance firm known for consulting the NSSF. All of which have advocated for and educated dealerships about training.



The truth is, Maryland is in need of common-sense gun laws, and I cannot think of a more perfect fit than this bill. Let us take a supply-side approach and prevent tragedy before it happens. Firearms should only be accessible to legal and responsible gun owners - not those with the capability or intent to harm. I strongly urge a favorable report on HB 741.

Signed,
Layla Greten
Founder and President Team ENOUGH Baltimore