



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Testimony in Support of HB 1339 - Handgun Roster Reform

To: Delegate Sandy Bartlett, Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee
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Unitarians Universalists recognize that there are legitimate reasons for gun ownership. We must ensure that only firearms that are safe, reliable and lawful under federal and state standards are sold to Maryland consumers

We support these requirements:

- 1) Legal review to confirm that firearms conform to all state and federal laws,
- 2) Establish comprehensive and transparent safety testing,
- 3) Clarify definitions to ensure appropriate legal framework,
- 4) Create a regular review and reassessment process,
- 5) Improve transparency, documentation, and accountability of decisions, and
- 6) Strengthen consumer and public safety by ensuring that Maryland's roster accurately reflects what is lawful and safe.

The measure before you today is another tool to protect all of us from gun violence. We ask you to stand on the side of love and justice. We urge you to vote for this bill and others that strengthen Maryland's gun violence prevention laws.

We urge a favorable report.

Thank you

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