

TESTIMONY FOR SB0334
Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols
Position: FAVORABLE

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of the 41st district and the president of Be the Change, a social justice organization.

I am writing in favor of SB0334

These conversion-ready weapons have become increasingly common, and they pose serious risks to communities and to the law enforcement officers who respond to emergencies every day. Closing this loophole is an important and overdue step toward reducing gun violence in Maryland.

It should be obvious that we don't want machine guns on our streets! Having the ability to turn a pistol into a machine gun makes us all less safe.

SB0334 is a practical, targeted measure that helps keep Marylanders safe while maintaining clear, enforceable standards. It is exactly the kind of thoughtful policy that protects families without burdening responsible gun owners.

Preventing the spread of machine-gun-convertible pistols is a commonsense step that supports safer communities and a more secure future for us, our children and grandchildren. We respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on SB0334.

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