

**TESTIMONY OF THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OF THE
DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF LEISURE WORLD
ON JANUARY 29, 2026
BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
HB 083 FAMILY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION**

FAVORABLE

The Democratic Club of Leisure World in Silver Spring, Maryland supports HB 83. Leisure World is a 55 plus community of over 8,000 residents with an average age of 78.

The Family and Law Enforcement Protection Act will give added protection to the victims of domestic violence. Age does not protect from domestic violence. Unfortunately, we lost a member of the Leisure World community this past year due to domestic violence involving a fire arm.

This bill will strengthen Maryland's Domestic Violence Protection Order for the firearm relinquishment framework in a targeted, practical, and survivor-centered manner. These orders will protect survivors, children, law enforcement, and the public.

We urge a favorable report on HB 83.