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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**HB365 - Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry**

Position: **SUPPORT**

Carrington & Associates, LLC submits this testimony in support of House Bill 365. Our firm represents entities operating in Maryland’s regulated cannabis industry and regularly works at the intersection of cannabis law, public safety, and State regulatory policy. Through that work, we see first-hand how unresolved conflicts between State authorized cannabis activity and other areas of law create confusion, inconsistent treatment, and unintended consequences for otherwise law abiding individuals.

HB365 addresses a narrow but important issue by clarifying that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely because they are authorized to use medical cannabis under Maryland law. Without this clarification, individuals who are fully compliant with State cannabis statutes remain exposed to uncertainty and disparate outcomes that stem not from conduct, but from status alone.

From a policy and implementation perspective, this bill promotes clarity and consistency while respecting Maryland’s existing regulatory framework for medical cannabis. It does not expand access to firearms, alter eligibility standards, or weaken public safety safeguards. Instead, it resolves a conflict created by overlapping legal regimes and provides clear guidance to residents, regulators, and enforcement authorities.

For these reasons, Carrington & Associates, LLC respectfully urges a favorable report on House Bill 365.