



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY

February 11, 2026

Chair, Judiciary Committee  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support of HB 577 – Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols**

Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 577 on behalf of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

This bill:

(1) Prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a "machine gun convertible pistol" beginning January 1, 2027. HB 577 provides exceptions for temporary transfer/ receipt/return of a machine gun to a licensed regulated firearms dealer or gunsmith for servicing purposes and does not apply to the receipt of a machine gun convertible pistol by law enforcement units including barracks, or station, a state or local law enforcement agency, or a federally licensed firearms dealer if the person is surrendering the firearm.

(2) Alters the definition of a rapid-fire activator to include a "pistol converter." As a result a violator will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for up to three years and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

The States Attorney Office of Baltimore City supports this bill because it aligns with our office's mission to keep weapons of destruction off the streets of Baltimore and out of the hands of those seeking to commit crimes.

I respectfully urge a favorable report for HB 577.

Sincerely,  
Matias C. Cacheiro  
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