



Everytown for Gun Safety Testimony in Support of HB1339

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Chair Bartlett and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write in support of HB1339, a bill that would modernize and reform the Handgun Roster Board to ensure the roster reliably protects public safety and consumer safety. Marylanders deserve confidence that the firearms sold in the state meet current safety expectations and legal requirements. This bill provides updated standards, appropriate legal authority, and a clear process for the removal of handguns from the roster.

At present, there is no process in place for a firearm to be removed from the roster once approved by the Board. If new defects, recalls, or safety concerns emerge, there is no mechanism to review or remove previously approved models. This bill sets out a specific process for firearm models to be removed if these models are proved to no longer meet the requirements of the law. Such a process will allow for firearms like the Sig Sauer P320, subject to numerous lawsuits across the country for unintended discharge, to be removed for sale in Maryland.

This bill also adds meaningful safety training, such as live fire testing, drop and impact testing, evaluation of safety mechanisms, environmental and mechanical integrity testing. In addition, all previously approved firearms will be reassessed under the new process and standards set forth by the bill.

While the Handgun Roster Board was originally established with the intent to protect Marylanders from cheaply made and dangerous firearms, the Board's current structure and processes are no longer sufficient to address current gun safety concerns. This bill would improve the Board's ability to do so.

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, I request a favorable report.

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