Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence

March 11, 2022 League of Women Voters

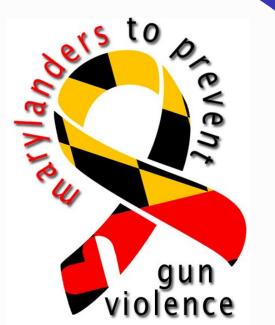




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Who Are We?

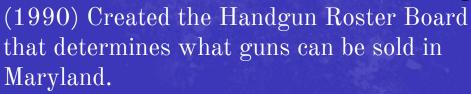
Mission Statement: Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence is dedicated to educating the public on gun violence while also advocating for and supporting the implementation of evidence-based solutions to violence.

Guiding Principle: All Marylanders have a right to live in communities free from gun violence.



<u>MPGV</u> Successes





(2000) Mandated internal locking mechanisms for guns sold after 2000 and external locking mechanisms for regulated firearms.

(2013) Require fingerprinting of gun buyers, permit to purchase licensing and bans on assault weapons and on magazines that hold more than 10 bullets and more in the Firearm Safety Act of 2013 (2018) Banned rapid fire trigger devices, eliminated the Handgun Permit Review Board, provide funding for violence prevention programs, created Extreme Risk Protective Orders
(2019) Prevention of illegal transfers, created an illegal gun trace study, and final elimination of the Handgun Permit Review Board (after veto)

(2020) Shored up funding for MD Violence Intervention and Prevention programs



Gun Violence Impact: 2020 numbers Between 2016-2019, an average of 39,000 lives were lost to gun violence each year in the U.S. 2020 saw that jump to 45,000.

Source: Gun Violence Archive



GUN VIOLENCE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND 700+ Lives lost

1,700+ Wounded

Homicides comprised 3 of every 5 deaths Suicides comprised more than one in three deaths Increase in the overall death rate over the last 10 years

https://efsgv.org/state/maryland/

Firearm Death Rates

in Maryland Allegany *Cumberland

Baltimore City - 33.69 Dorchester County - 13.78 Cecil County - 11.31 Charles County - 11.07

Garrett

Oaklan



Annual Cost of Gun Violence in Maryland

\$3.6 Billion

\$612 per resident





Someone is killed with a gun every 13 hours in Maryland. That's 656 people a year.

Child Access

Prevention

Child Access Prevention laws are laws that permit authorities to criminally charge adults who knowingly or through negligent behaviors, permit children to have access to firearms.

Price, Khubchandani, Payton, Unintentional firearm mortality in African-American youths, 2010-2019; June 2021



2022

Child Access Prevention Law Jaelynn's Law SB 676/ HB 659

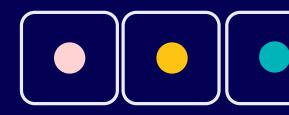
Sponsored by Delegates Stein, Bartlett, & Peña-Melynk and Senators Smith and Beidle

Includes older teens

Store guns unloaded and locked

Adds a graduated system of penalties Requires a health department sponsored education campaign





Youth Firearm Access is a Public Health Crisis "Community education regarding the hazards of unsecured firearms in homes is an essential endeavor by public health professionals if we are going to significantly reduce the number of youths who will die prematurely from firearm-related trauma."

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4.6 million kids live in homes with a loaded, unlocked gun



Over 221,000 k-12 students have experienced a shooting at their school since Columbine.



Worldwide amongst high-income countries, 9 out of 10 youths less than 15 killed by firearms were residents of the U.S.



Between 2009 and 2018, there was an 82% increase in gun suicides among minors

The Effect of Strong CAP Laws

CAP laws can reduce suicide, unintentional gun deaths, and injuries among children and teens by up to

54%

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Lives a year could be saved with even modest improvements in safe storage habits



A CAP

Tragedy

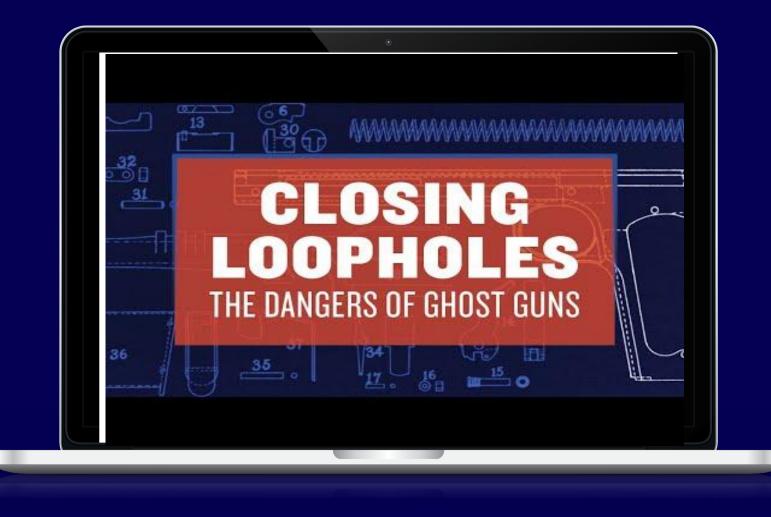
https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/interactive/2021/dc-kids-shooting-victims-guns/

Untraceable

Firearms Ghost Guns SB387/HB425



Ghost guns are privately made firearms that do not have a trackable serial number and which do not trigger the protections that exist within the existing gun laws ... like background checks and licensing.



BALTIMORE 800% Increase!!

Ghost guns recovered by Baltimore City Police:







Where are we now?



Federal Rulemaking Status

2021R-05: Definition of "Frame or Receiver" and Identification of Firearms



Gaps in federal action

•Existing parts

•Existing ghost guns

•No safety net if federal rule

gets modified or repealed*



Legislation Proposal MGA Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh /2022 Leadership Priority



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Key Elements of Legislation

- Address existing stocks of unserialized guns and parts.
- Line that system up with the proposed federal requirements.
- Provide a backstop system should the new federal process not finalize or gets subsequently repealed.
- Allow gunsmithing to continue within the confines of overall legal firearm framework.

Final thoughts

How You Can Help ...

Learn

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You are here today... so you can check this one off!! Talk to someone, share information on social media, send emails, or postcards ...

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Share

Communicate with your legislators Reach out to your Maryland Senator and Delegates and let them know you want them to support

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Submit testimony to prior to committee hearings Write down your thoughts and submit them to the Maryland General

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and submit them to the Maryland General Assembly portal prior to the relevant Committee hearings

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