

# Testimony in favor of Bill SB0672/SB0674

Hello ladies and gentlemen, my name is Nick DeTello, I'm a Software Engineer, an Eagle Scout, and I've been a resident of Maryland my entire life. I'm supporting SB0672 and SB0674 because it will address the elephant in the room, theft of firearms in Maryland. The vast majority of crime in Maryland occurs with handguns that were acquired on the black market and had their serial number filed off. This bill will finally address that issue by going after the criminals who were already caught violating the existing law. As the law stands right now, they simply get a slap on the wrist and a quick release. It's embarrassing how weak handed we are to criminals while law after law gets introduced penalizing the law abiding for practicing their rights. I'm sure you've heard us reference this in other bills proposed this year – it won't be a point of contention any longer if the sentence given to criminals at the very least matches what's being put on the law-abiding. Thank you for your time.