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BILL NO.: **SB 958**

TITLE: Criminal Law – Untraceable Firearms

SPONSOR: Senator Lee

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 3, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 958 – Criminal Law – Untraceable Firearms, which would prohibit the use of covert firearms, firearms that are undetectable in a security scan, “ghost” guns without serial numbers, and the use of a 3D printer to manufacture firearms.

Firearms manufactured at home using kits or 3D printers have become a prevalent issue in recent years. These guns are often made of plastic, and therefore undetectable on security scans. Additionally, they do not have serial numbers and cannot be tracked by law enforcement. These weapons are increasingly used by illegal gun trafficking rings.

County Executive Olszewski is committed to addressing crime and gun violence in Baltimore County, and it is impossible to properly do so if there are undetectable weapons of war on the streets. These weapons threaten us everywhere, especially the schools where we send our children every day. Passing this legislation closes existing legal loopholes and makes everyone safer.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 958. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.