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*Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in Support of HB1241*

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I am a member of Multiple Gun Rights organizations. Maryland Shall Issue, Associated Gun Clubs, Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association, and the National Rifle Association. I am a certified Range Safety Officer with the NRA. I am a firearms collector and competitor. I support HB1241

It simply makes sense for police to make sure they are patrolling near gun shops. Some areas have seen brazen individuals doing smash and grabs. The presence of regular police patrols can be a strong deterrent to criminal activity. Organized criminals often case places they wish to rob beforehand, and soft targets are more likely to be targeted. This does not add additional costs, as police are already out and about.

I request a favorable report.

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