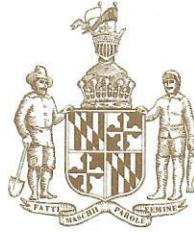


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**RE: Senate Bill 484 – Criminal Procedure – Right of Appeal – Unlawful Possession of a
Firearm**

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 484. The purpose of this bill is to allow the State to appeal the decisions of a criminal trial court in a case involving the unlawful possession of a firearm where the State contends that evidence of the firearm has been improperly excluded by the court, or where a decision has been made to return the firearm to the defendant. Currently, the State may only appeal the decision of a trial court in a criminal case for very limited circumstances, not including any cases involving the unlawful possession of a firearm. With the rampant gun violence in the State, this will allow State's Attorney's to get violent offenders off of the streets and properly charge those who have unlawfully possessed a firearm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Cassilly".

Senator Bob Cassilly