



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

### Testimony in Support of SB 86 - Rifles and Shotguns -Possession - Age Requirements (Raise the Age Act of 2023)

TO: Senator Will Smith, Jr. Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings  
Committee  
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Unitarians Universalists recognize that there are legitimate reasons for gun ownership. However, there must be a balance of rights and responsibilities.

We support raising the age requirements for possession of rifles or shotguns to age 21. The bill establishes reasonable exceptions with regard appropriate supervision and parental permission.

The measure before you today is another tool to protect all of us from gun violence. We ask you to stand on the side of love and justice. We urge you to vote for this bill and others that strengthen Maryland's gun violence prevention laws.

We urge a favorable report,

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