

## **HB 259 Testimony**

**My name is Mark Schneider, Vice President of the Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association.**

**I oppose HB 259 as it threatens our ability to stay in business.**

**There are many problems with this Bill. Data does not support the claim that Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers are the source of the reckless, illegal actions of criminals.**

**We are a highly regulated industry abiding by both federal and state statutes governing the sale of our products. No licensed dealer knowingly sells to the criminal market as Federal and state law already prohibits this with severe civil and criminal penalties.**

**Vague Terms such as “reasonable controls”, or “unreasonable under the totality of the circumstances”, are not defined and thus unacceptable. There also needs clarification on what is meant by reckless or unlawful marketing.**

**This Bill would open every licensed dealer to frivolous, punitive litigation and if enacted into law would make it impossible to obtain insurance. Without insurance no dealer could stay in business.**

**Dealers should not be held liable for the legal and lawful sale of firearms. Those who commit illegal acts with firearms should. And we support stricter penalties for those who illegally use firearms.**

**I Request an Unfavorable Report**