

**SB0039 Criminal Law – Gun Theft Felony Act of 2024**

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I am State Director of The DC Project Women for Gun Rights and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both of these groups, numbering many more than just myself.

I agree with the update to consider theft of a firearm to be considered a felony. The penalty now is not even a penalty because the cost of a firearm is often under \$1500 – it is a slap on the wrist. We have to go after the persons who are knowingly committing the crimes – not law abiding citizens. When there are consequences there are deterrents for criminals. Please consider this bill as an increase to law-abiding citizens safety as it will remove criminals from the streets who knowingly possess and use stolen firearms to commit violent crimes.

Please find a favorable report on SB0039