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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR MARYLAND BILL SIGNING
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

April 11, 2000

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Ack: Gov. Glendening; Lt. Gov. Kennedy-

Townsend [her deep personal commitment to common sense gun reform have made a difference in Maryland];

Secretary of State John Willis; House Speaker Casper

Taylor; Senate President Mike Miller; members of

Congress; members of the state legislature; students from

Young Kids Against Violence and Students Together

Against Guns. LARSON / POTOMAC PS.

It is fitting that we are gathered here today, in our nation's oldest functioning state house, where progress has been the standard since our forebears walked these halls more than 200 years ago.

This State House was the site of the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, which officially put an end to the Revolutionary War, and marked the birth of our new nation. We are here today to announce a victory in our effort to end another war -- our ongoing struggle to reduce the staggering toll of gun violence in America. The Maryland legislature made history again last week when you became the first state in the nation to require built-in safety locks for all new handguns – and enacted other common sense gun safety measures.

The people of Maryland demanded this landmark gun safety legislation. And their government answered the call. ~~That is why I am here today.~~

And why I applaud the work of Governor Glendening, the members of the state legislature, and all of you. You have set an example for our nation by your efforts to keep guns off our streets and our children safe from violence.

Maryland is not a newcomer to this movement. This State has already banned assault weapons and handguns known as Saturday Night Specials. You have already limited handgun sales to one per month. With this new law, you join a growing number of states across the country that are taking decisive action to make guns safer and to save lives.

Last year, California passed important legislation limiting handgun sales to one per month, and banning junk guns and new generations of assault weapons. Just last week, Massachusetts began enforcing tough consumer product safety rules for guns, banning junk guns and requiring trigger locks and other devices to prevent children from firing guns. And tomorrow, I am traveling to Colorado to support a citizen ballot initiative to close the gun show loophole and require background checks on all gun sales.

I am encouraged by the steps these states are taking. They underscore the fact that outside the beltway, common sense gun reform is not a partisan issue.

But every child in America deserves that same level of protection. And only Congress can pass legislation that protects every child in every corner of our country.

That's why I've asked Congress to enact common sense gun safety legislation before the one-year anniversary of the Columbine tragedy on April 20th. Legislation that requires child safety locks, bans the importation of large ammunition clips, and closes the loophole that allows criminals to buy firearms at gun shows. But for nine months now, Congress has been stalling. Today, Congress, once again, will vote on a measure simply calling for the House and Senate to meet and work out their differences on this legislation.

Every day Congress waits to send me that bill, we lose 12 children – and nearly 90 people overall -- to gun violence in America. That is why we can not – and we must not -- wait for every state to pass responsible gun legislation. Congress must follow the lead of states like Maryland ... listen to the people ... stand up to the gun lobby ... and pass national gun safety legislation without further delay.

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Death
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Of course, no law can prevent every death. But sensible gun laws do make a difference. The Brady Law is a perfect example of that. When we passed the Brady Bill, people argued that it wouldn't work because criminals don't buy guns at gun stores.

It turned out that many of them did. All told, since the
Brady Bill ^{PASSED} ~~took effect~~, we have stopped more than a half a
million guns from falling into the hands of fugitives,
felons, or stalkers – and gun crime is down more than 35
percent.

At the same time, we have stepped up our
enforcement of gun crimes. Since 1992, we have
increased federal gun prosecutions by 16 percent. And
my new budget calls for the largest firearms enforcement
initiative in history, including 500 new ATF agents and
inspectors and more than 1,000 new federal, state, and
local gun prosecutors.

And last month, we announced a landmark agreement with Smith and Wesson to reform the way guns are manufactured, marketed and sold. That agreement helped make this day possible by demonstrating that responsible gun manufacturers could join with us to make progress.

The Smith and Wesson agreement did not come easily. Nor did the Brady Law. Nor did the bill we're here to sign today. But as Frederick Douglass, one of the great citizens of Maryland, once said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." We succeeded in each case because courageous citizens and responsible leaders like you dared to put the interests of the American people above the special interests.

The nation's capitol may no longer be located here in Annapolis, but you have shown national leadership today.

It is time to press ahead until common sense gun legislation is the law of the land. Thank you for inviting me to this signing. But for the sake of America's children, we must not stop at the State House. We have to take this progress all the way to the people's house, the White House. It's time to give all Americans the same protections that the citizens of Maryland received today.

Congratulations again, thank you, and God bless you.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR MARYLAND BILL SIGNING
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
April 11, 2000**

Ack: Gov. Glendening; Lt. Gov. Kennedy-Townsend [her deep personal commitment to common sense gun reform have made a difference in Maryland]; Secretary of State John Willis; House Speaker Casper Taylor.

It is fitting that we are gathered here today, in our nation's oldest functioning state house, where progress has been the standard since our ~~forefathers~~ ^{forebears} walked these halls more than 200 years ago. This State House was the site of the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, which officially put an end to the Revolutionary War, and marked the birth of our new nation. It was here that the Continental Congress met, and where our founders first drafted the language that would become the Constitution. Annapolis went on to serve for a short period as our nation's capitol, and since then as Maryland's capitol, where time and again it has been a leader among the states.

~~We are here today to mark another important moment in Maryland's history, and a vital step toward reducing the staggering toll of gun violence in America. Last week, with bipartisan support, the Maryland legislature passed groundbreaking common-sense gun legislation, becoming the first state in the nation to require built-in child safety locks for all new handguns. The legislation also mandated ballistics testing for newly manufactured handguns, and safety training for handgun purchasers.~~
^{again our effort to end another war. We are here today to announce a victory in the battle to end another war. We are on a gun struggle too.}
^{made history last week}
^{sun valley}
^{common sense measures}

~~In a state where gun-related violence takes more lives than motor vehicle accidents, the people of Maryland demanded this landmark gun safety legislation. And their government answered the call. That is why I am here today. And why I applaud the work of Governor Glendening, the members of the state legislature, and all of your tireless efforts, to keep guns off our streets and our children safe from violence.~~
^{you in your house, set an example by yours}

~~With these new measures, Maryland builds on some of the strongest gun laws in the~~

Maryland is not a newcomer to this movement.

~~This state~~
~~Maryland~~ has already

~~country~~ - ~~banning~~ ^{banned} assault weapons and cheap handguns known as Saturday Night Specials, and limited handgun sales to one per month. And it joined a growing number of states across the country that are taking tough action to make guns safer and to ~~keep them out of the wrong hands.~~ ^{safe lives}

With this new law you

You have already

Last year, California passed important legislation limiting handgun sales, and banning junk guns and assault weapons. Just last week, Massachusetts began enforcing tough consumer product safety rules for guns, banning junk guns and requiring trigger locks and other devices to prevent children from firing guns. And tomorrow, I am traveling to Colorado to support a citizen ballot initiative to close the gun show loophole and require background checks on all gun sales.

~~I am~~ ^{am} encouraged by the leadership these states are showing.

The steps Maryland, Massachusetts, California, the citizens of Colorado and others states have taken underscore the need for common sense gun legislation. Every child in America deserves that same level of protection. ~~But only Congress can pass legislation that protects every child in every corner of our country. Only Congress can send the bill to enact gun safety legislation before the one-year anniversary of the Columbine tragedy on April 20th. Legislation that requires child safety locks, bans the importation of large ammunition clips, and closes the loophole that allows criminals to buy firearms at gun show.~~ ^{But} ~~that's why I'm asking them to~~ ^{They}

~~But every day Congress waits to send me that bill, we lose 12 children - and nearly 90 people -- to gun violence in America. That is why we can not - and we must not -- wait for every state to pass responsible gun legislation. Congress must follow the lead of states like Maryland and make passage of common sense gun legislation its top priority.~~ ^{overall} ~~without further delay.~~

Of course, no law can prevent every death. But sensible gun laws do make a difference. The Brady Law is a perfect example of that. When we passed the Brady Bill, people argued that it wouldn't work because criminals don't buy guns at gun stores. It turned out that many of them did. All told, since the Brady Bill took effect, we have stopped more than a half a million guns from falling into the hands of fugitives, felons, or stalkers - and gun crime is down more than 35 percent. Since 1992, we have increased federal gun prosecutions by 16 percent.

~~But at the same time, we have stepped up our enforcement.~~ ^{up} ~~Our Administration continues to take the necessary steps to keep gun crime going down. My new budget calls for the largest firearms enforcement initiative in history. We are also expanding ballistics training to help police officers catch more criminals, and we're taking steps to bar law enforcement officials from selling used weapons. And last month, we announced a landmark agreement with Smith and Wesson to change for the better the way guns are manufactured, marketed and sold.~~ ^{gun crime}

~~We proceeded in each case, ~~but~~ ^{never} ~~responsible~~ ^{responsible} ~~leaders~~ ^{like} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~stand~~ ^{stand} ~~up to~~ ^{up to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~challenge~~ ^{challenge}~~

That agreement did not come easily. Nor did the Brady Law. Nor did the bill we're here to sign today. ~~We all know how entrenched special interests are, and how trying each step has been.~~ But as Frederick Douglass, one of the great citizens of Maryland once said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." The halls of Congress may no longer be located here in Maryland, but the message should still ring loud and clear in Washington, DC. We all

~~Annapolis~~ ^{you} ~~but you have~~ ^{shared} ~~shown national leadership today~~

~~dared to~~ ^{dared to} ~~Put the interest of the American people above the special interests.~~

It is time to stop

*of you at the
white House*

~~must~~ press ahead until common sense gun legislation is the law of the land. Today's signing is a step in the right direction. It's time to bring that same progress from your State House to the people's house ... the White House. I look forward to seeing you all ~~there~~, when I ~~can~~ sign national legislation that gives all Americans the same protections that the people of Maryland received today. Congratulations again, thank you, and God bless you.

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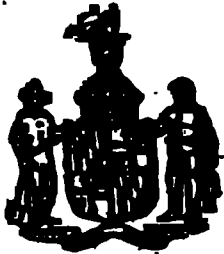
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At the same time, we have stepped up our enforcement of gun crimes. Since 1992, we have increased federal gun prosecutions by 16 percent. And my new budget calls for the largest firearms enforcement initiative in history. We are also expanding ballistics training to help police officers catch more criminals, and we're taking steps to bar law enforcement officials from selling used weapons. And last month, we announced a landmark agreement with Smith and Wesson to change for the better the way guns are manufactured, marketed and sold.

That agreement did not come easily. Nor did the Brady Law. Nor did the bill we're here to sign today. But as Frederick Douglass, one of the great citizens of Maryland once said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." We succeeded in each case because courageous citizens and responsible leaders like you dared to put progress above partisanship, and the interests of the American people above the special interests. The nation's capitol may no longer be located here in Annapolis, but you have shown national leadership today.

It is time to press ahead until common sense gun legislation is the law of the land. Thank you for inviting me to this State House for this momentous location. I look forward to seeing you all at the people's house, the White House, when I sign national legislation that gives all Americans the same protections that the people of Maryland received today.

Congratulations again, thank you, and God bless you.



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ANNAPOLISBill Signing

On the stairwell behind the stage are approximately 75-80 children:

- 15 from Young Kids Against Violence, a youth group from Columbia, MD ages 5 to 12 that are organized against violence in our society.
- 15 from Students Together Against Guns, a group of mostly high school students from Lansdowne (Baltimore County), Maryland organized by Jessica Friatt, one of the most articulate student advocates for the gun bill. JESSICA TESTIFIED (WRITTEN)
- 13 students from the Park School (Baltimore City), 4 who testified on behalf of the gun bill + 9 middle school students who worked on the bill as a project (including ~~Vinnie DeMare's son~~).
- 20 students from Potomac High School (Montgomery County) who help with ~~all~~ of the bill signings.
- Brian Hall, Legislative VP of MD Assoc. of Student Councils (recently featured in Washington Post), who also testified for the bill.
- Stephen Aro, who testified on behalf of the gun bill and operates an anti-gun website / FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL, COLLEGE PARK
- 15 students from Hebbville Elementary School who met with Lt Governor about gun violence and worked on the gun bill as a class project ROCKDALE, MD (BALT. CO.)

The students will be wearing "Young Kids Against Violence" (gold shirts with black letters) or "Students Together Against Guns" red shirts with white letters) depending on their age.

The students will remain seated during the speaking program, and standing during the signing ceremony.

↑ HOLD / OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCE ↑

Stairs
with kids (80)

Step

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Signing Table

Step

Rope line

- ① SPEAKING PROGRAM SEAT
- ② SPEAKING POSITION
- ③ STANDS OVER GOV'S

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 4, 2000

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Last night, the Maryland Legislature took an important step forward to address the problem of gun violence by passing commonsense gun legislation. I commend the Governor and the Legislature for their efforts to enact key gun safety measures that will, among other things, require built-in child safety locks on handguns, ballistics testing for newly manufactured handguns to help solve more gun crimes, and safety training for handgun purchasers.

Maryland joins a growing number of states across the country that are taking actions to make guns safer and to keep guns out of the wrong hands. The Congress should follow their lead and make passage of commonsense gun legislation its top priority. I challenge the Congress to enact gun safety legislation before the one-year anniversary of the Columbine tragedy on April 20th.

SENATE BILL 211: RESPONSIBLE GUN SAFETY ACT OF 2000
(As Amended)

NEW PROVISIONS/AMENDMENTS

- Requires any new handguns sold in Maryland after October 1, 2000 to be sold with an external safety lock.
- Requires by January 1, 2003 (*original bill required January 1, 2002*) any new handguns sold in Maryland to be equipped with an integrated mechanical safety device to prevent children and other unauthorized users from firing the handgun.
- Increases the membership of the Handgun Roster Board from 9 to 11 members. The two additional members must be electrical or mechanical engineers.
- Requires the Handgun Roster Board to review the status of personalized handgun technology (*original bill established a Commission on Personalized Handgun Technology*) and submit an annual report to the Governor and to the General Assembly beginning July 1, 2002.
- Requires ballistics fingerprinting of shell casings from new handguns prior to sale (*original bill also required projectiles*). Firearm dealers will be required to collect and provide certain handgun identification information to the Maryland State Police.
- Requires the Maryland Police Training Commission to adopt regulations for a certified firearms safety training course by January 1, 2001 and requires an applicant for a regulated firearms purchase, rental, or transfer made on or after January 1, 2002 to complete a safety training course. An individual may take a course offered by the Commission or by a certified individual or organization (*original bill did not specify that the course was to be conducted by the Maryland Police Training Commission free of charge or by a certified individual or organization*).

RETAINED FROM THE ORIGINAL BILL

- Enhances existing gun laws and increases enforcement to protect children by placing a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years for the illegal possession of a firearm by a felon previously convicted for a violent crime or drug offense. This penalty is similar to the federal penalty used by federal prosecutors in Project Disarm and Project Exile.
- Provides "CeaseFire" grant funds to enforce existing gun laws and innovative local law enforcement initiatives and programs, such as the Federal DISARM Program and Baltimore City's Firearms Investigation and Violence Enforcement Unit.
- Prohibits any person who as a juvenile committed a violent delinquent act from possessing a handgun until age 30.
- Requires that all guns seized, confiscated and subject to forfeiture to or by any law enforcement agencies in the State be destroyed or be retained for official law enforcement use.

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COMMENTS:

Here is a summary of the bill, and a short list of Maryland Firsts.
Still looking for clips from passage of our 1996 gun law; will send as soon as I can.
Suggested remarks re Kathleen:

"Under Kathleen's leadership, Maryland has become the model for innovations in our fight against crime. She knows the pain that guns can bring to our families and communities, and she has turned that knowledge into common sense reforms that have saved lives and made our communities safer.

"She started the First state with a community service requirement for high school graduation. She made Maryland the first state to systematically target crime hotspots with a comprehensive strategy of enforcement and prevention, and the first to put all criminal offenders into a system that uses both the carrot of treatment and the stick of drug testing to break the cycle of crime and addiction. She led the creation of the first statewide Office of Character Education, to help parents teach children honesty, fairness and respect for others. And, long before she became Lt. Governor, she began developing the Police Corps, a federally-funded college scholarship program for officers in the tradition of her family. The Maryland Police Corps is the largest program in the country, and like the Peace Corps her father and uncle championed 40 years ago, it calls upon a generation of young Americans to dedicate itself to building peace and security, right here at home.

"Kathleen has literally redefined what it means to be a Lt. Governor. In fact, she has done more for Maryland as Lt. Governor than most Governors have done for their States."

Thanks, Josh...

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- Are we certain we are going to mention Columbine? If there are political concerns - we might consider saying "before Congress recesses this week"

X every corner of our country. [That's why I've asked Congress to enact common sense gun safety legislation before the one-year anniversary of the Columbine tragedy on April 20th.] Legislation that requires child safety locks, bans the importation of large ammunition clips, and closes the loophole that allows criminals to buy firearms at gun shows.

But every day Congress waits to send me that bill, we lose 12 children -- and nearly 90 people overall -- to gun violence in America. That is why we can not -- and we must not -- wait for every state to pass responsible gun legislation. Congress must follow the lead of states like Maryland and pass national guns safety legislation without further delay

Of course, no law can prevent every death. But sensible gun laws do make a difference. The Brady Law is a perfect example of that. When we passed the Brady Bill, people argued that it wouldn't work because criminals don't buy guns at gun stores. It turned out that many of them did. All told, since the Brady Bill took effect, we have stopped more than a half a million guns from falling into the hands of fugitives, felons, or stalkers -- and gun crime is down more than 35 percent.

At the same time, we have stepped up our enforcement of gun crimes. Since 1992, we have increased federal gun prosecutions by 16 percent. And my new budget calls for the largest firearms enforcement initiative in history. ~~We are also expanding ballistics training to help police officers catch more criminals, and we're taking steps to bar law enforcement officials from selling used weapons.~~ And last month, we announced a landmark agreement with Smith and Wesson to change for the better the way guns are manufactured, marketed and sold.

Similar to provisions of Maryland's new law

testing and gun trading

That agreement did not come easily. Nor did the Brady Law. Nor did the bill we're here to sign today. But as Frederick Douglass, one of the great citizens of Maryland once said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." We succeeded in each case because courageous citizens and responsible leaders like you dared to put the interests of the American people above the special interests. The nation's capitol may no longer be located here in Annapolis, but you have shown national leadership today.

It is time to press ahead until common sense gun legislation is the law of the land. I look forward to seeing you all at the White House, when I sign national legislation that gives all Americans the same protections that the people of Maryland received today.

Congratulations again, thank you, and God bless you.

We are seeking funding to help communities hire new gun prosecutors + replicate successful gun enforcement programs such as Richmond's "Project Safe" + Boston's "Operation Ceasefire."

Across the country, ~~others are following your lead –~~
and we're asking other ~~gun makers to join us as well.~~



Our states and cities are sending a clear message to
Washington. The argument is over. Gun safety measures
work, and do not interfere with the interests of ordinary
hunters and sportspeople. So it's time for Congress to
build on our proven success and pass common-sense
national gun-safety legislation. I have asked Congress to
finish the gun bill and send it to me by the anniversary of
the Columbine tragedy, April 20th. That deadline can
still be met. For the sake of our children, I ask Congress
to stop the delay and catch up with America.

enact common-sense gun-safety laws. These bipartisan efforts only underscore how out-of-touch the gun lobby and the Congressional leadership have become in opposing real reform. They also remind us that we need national legislation to keep guns out of the wrong hands in every state.

Of course, no law can prevent every gun death. But sensible gun laws do make a difference. When we passed the Brady Bill, people argued that it wouldn't work because criminals don't buy guns at gun stores. It turned out that many of them did. Just this week, we received the first annual report on the instant background check system we put in place under the Brady Law – over the strong opposition of the NRA. The report shows that in its first year, the instant check system stopped nearly 180,000 illegal gun sales – and 95% of all checks were completed in two hours or less. All told, since we passed the Brady Law in 1993, we have stopped more than a half a million guns from falling into the hands of fugitives, felons, or stalkers – and gun crime is down more than 35 percent.

Another argument you'll hear is that we have to enforce laws on the books. Well, the fact is, we are. Since 1992, we have increased federal gun prosecutions by 16%. And my new budget calls for the largest firearms enforcement initiative in history.

But it is absurd to say that we must do punishment and ignore prevention. We need both. Suppose I said to you that I wanted to take all metal detectors out of airports, on the notion that 99.9 percent of the people who walk through them are law-abiding citizens who don't deserve to be inconvenienced. Suppose I said that instead of metal detectors, we should just add 10 years to the sentence the next time someone blows up an airplane. Unfortunately, that is the kind of destructive logic we are hearing from the NRA.

The opponents of reform have run out of sensible arguments – so now they want to run out the clock. We can't let them. Call your Senators and Representative in Congress. Let them know that we can't wait for action when a dozen children are dying from gunfire every day. Let them know that you want sensible gun-safety legislation by the anniversary of the Columbine tragedy. Let them hear your voice. Thanks for listening.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON GUN VIOLENCE
THE WHITE HOUSE
March 17, 2000**

Good morning. Today, I want to report to you on our efforts, and those of many others, to reduce the staggering toll of gun violence in America. And I want to implore you to make our democracy work, by making your voice heard in this critical national debate.

A month from now, Littleton, Colorado, will mark the one-year anniversary of the shooting spree that horrified an entire nation. I have met with the parents of students who were killed that day – as with the parents of six-year-old Kayla Rolland and other young schoolchildren lost forever to senseless gunfire. So many of the grieving parents have made the same plea: Please – make it harder for criminals and children to get their hands on guns.

Last year, with a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Gore, the Senate passed a bill that would go a long way toward answering that plea – by requiring child safety locks, banning the importation of large ammunition clips, and closing the loophole that allows criminals to buy firearms at gun shows. Unfortunately, the House passed much weaker legislation. Even more disturbing, more than eight months have gone by and the Congress has taken almost no action to complete a bill.

But this week there were some signs of progress. House members from both parties voted on Wednesday to push Congressional negotiators to meet and begin to resolve their differences on this crucial legislation. This vote was a modest measure, but it sent a big message. It said to Republican leaders: If you want to oppose gun-safety legislation, then stand up and say so. But don't kill this bill with stall tactics. It's time for a public debate. It's time for action.

All across the nation, the same message is coming through loud and clear. From Colorado to Maryland to New York, Governors and leaders from both parties are moving to

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negatives*

Good morning. Before I begin, I want to welcome today's news that another state has stepped forward with commonsense gun safety initiatives. Last year, California passed some of the strongest gun laws in the country – banning junk guns, limiting handgun sales to one per month, and broadly banning assault weapons. Since then, we have seen a groundswell of similar state actions across the country. Today, ^{Let's see,} Massachusetts ^{an} ~~begin~~s enforcing tough consumer product safety rules for guns, banning junk guns and requiring trigger locks and other devices to prevent children from firing guns. As we speak, the Maryland state legislature is considering a bill requiring all new handguns sold there to be equipped with child safety locks.

Draft 04/10/00 7pm
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landmark agreement with Smith and Wesson to change
for the better the way guns are manufactured, marketed
and sold. ~~Already, 10 California cities and counties –~~
~~including your neighbor San Mateo County –~~ have
pledged, when they buy weapons for their police forces,
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The House of Delegates voted last night to make **Maryland** the first state in the nation to require built-in locks for all new handguns, handing Gov. Parris N. Glendening a major political victory and, advocates said, giving national **gun** control efforts a significant boost.

The 83 to 57 vote at 9:46 p.m. came after nearly three hours of debate, with **gun** enthusiasts packing the gallery to cheer and applaud legislators who attacked the proposal.

The Senate passed the legislation Friday, and Glendening (D) said he will sign it soon. Beginning Oct. 1, all new handguns sold in the state would have to come with separate trigger locks, and after Jan. 1, 2003, all new handguns would have to have a built-in lock.

"It's a very significant step forward for public safety," said Joseph Sudbay, political director of the advocacy group Handgun Control. "It once again puts **Maryland** in the forefront."

Approval of the legislation darkened a day already made gloomy for groups defending **gun** ownership. New consumer safety rules that took effect in Massachusetts ban cheap handguns, mandate that serial numbers be made more difficult to alter, require safety warnings on handguns, and require that those **guns** be equipped with locks designed to prevent unauthorized use. [Details, Page A15.]

Maryland lawmakers approved the requirements for handguns despite some misgivings about some aspects of the legislation, including questions about whether it would force the opening of sealed juvenile criminal records and whether the language of the proposal, which had been hastily rewritten in the Senate, actually mandated the built-in locks. Some **gun** control proponents argued that a simple safety, now found on many handguns, could meet the requirements of the bill.

The National Rifle Association's **Maryland** lobbyist, Greg Costa, said that "this bill is so poorly written that there's debate among even **gun** control advocates who say it doesn't do what they want it to do. [Glendening] doesn't want to do it right. He wants a photo opportunity with President Clinton."

Maryland already has enacted bans on assault weapons and cheap handguns known as Saturday night specials. In Glendening's first term, the legislature responded to his urging by limiting people to a single handgun purchase per month.

This year, Glendening originally proposed mandating that only high-tech, personalized handguns be sold in the state, but he could not generate the necessary political support. **Gun** owners, led by the NRA, argued that the technology isn't feasible.

In a last-ditch effort to derail the legislation, opponents tried last night to amend it to include police officers, who are exempt from the new requirements. When that failed, they tried to get exceptions to the mandates for armored car guards and people with physical disabilities who might have trouble manipulating locks.

"How in the world are they supposed to be able to defend themselves when this kicks in?" said Del. George W. Owings III (D-Calvert).

Those efforts failed, too. Supporters and opponents split primarily along geographic lines, with lawmakers from the Washington suburbs and Baltimore favoring the proposal and rural legislators voting against it.

Over the past four days, the NRA paid for a wave of television commercials that blanketed the state urging lawmakers not to vote for the measure. But Glendening said the effort backfired, gaining votes for the proposal among House members.

"**Gun** manufacturers can make safer **guns**, and they should be required to make safer **guns**. That's the substantive message. The political message is that the NRA is on the wrong side," said Glendening, who took a congratulatory call from the president a half-hour after last night's vote.

Glendening's proposal also would require firearm manufacturers to provide **Maryland** police with a shell casing from each handgun sold in the state to help trace weapons used in crime. It would set minimum five-year sentences for some **gun** violations, require **gun** buyers to take two hours of safety training and prevent anyone convicted of a violent crime as a juvenile from owning a handgun until age 30.

Maryland's new restrictions come as other states also consider new control measures.

New Jersey's Republican Senate President Donald DiFrancesco proposed last week mandating personalized smart **guns** for that state. At least three western states are planning anti-**gun** referendums this year.

Those actions follow an agreement announced two weeks ago by the nation's largest handgun manufacturer, Smith & Wesson, and the federal government. Smith & Wesson said it will begin installing built-in locks on its new handguns within two years and market a personalized smart **gun** within three.

Advocates of more stringent restrictions on **guns** said the legislative initiatives, including **Maryland's**, are a sign of a national change in attitude. They said that while the public has always longed for more restrictions on **guns**, the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in Michigan and elsewhere finally have pushed action.

"You build and build and build greater amounts of evidence, and then finally you get to the tipping point and bam, change comes very rapidly," said Stephen Teret, director of the Center for **Gun** Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins University. "I think we've come to the tipping point."

Handgun Control's Sudbay said that as the various states begin to line up, it could eventually force meaningful **gun** control from Congress. He noted that assault weapons bans and the Brady Bill first were enacted in state legislatures before gaining approval in Washington.



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Wednesday, April 12 – MSNBC Town Hall Meeting, Denver, CO:

While in Colorado, you will participate in an MSNBC town hall on gun violence entitled, "Up in Arms: What Should Americans Do?" The forum will be moderated by Tom Brokaw and take place at the University of Denver. The town hall provides you with another opportunity to communicate to the American people how important it is for Congress to pass the common sense measures stalled in conference committee.

Thursday, April 13 – Address ASNE Convention, DC:

We are working with the Press Office, the Chief of Staff's Office and the policy offices to develop a strong message strategy for your address at the ASNE Convention. We are currently discussing various options including privacy.

Friday, April 14 – Address Education Writers Conference, Atlanta, GA:

We are working with the Press Office, DPC and others to prepare for your address to the Education Writers Association conference in Atlanta, Georgia. At this conference, you will unveil a new Department of Education report detailing the tremendous progress made by your Administration on school reform. You will highlight Administration accomplishments in the areas of early childhood and higher education, but will primarily focus on the progress made in K-12. To demonstrate your continued commitment to further school reform, you will announce your May "Education Tour." This event, which will be attended by hundreds of education reporters, will generate significant coverage of your education message and leadership in regional media markets across the country. Coverage of this conference will likely highlight your education agenda in the context of the 2000 elections.

Friday, April 14 – Tape Radio Address:

Given the upcoming anniversary of the Columbine tragedy, we are planning for next week's radio address to focus on your leadership in taking action to curb youth violence.

Saturday, April 15 – Earth Day Event:

If the policy process is complete, we are planning a major event in Northern California on April 15 to announce that you are taking action on USDA's recommendation to use the Antiquities Act to protect one of America's most historic natural treasures, the Sequoia National Forest. In advance of Earth Day, this event will demonstrate your leadership in protecting our natural treasures for future generations and also symbolize the progress and remaining challenges of a 30-year effort to protect our health and environment.

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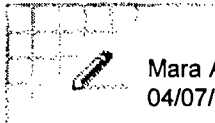
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Maryland's State flower, the Black-eyed Susan, has thirteen petals--one for each of the original thirteen states. It starts blooming around Flag Day, June 14, and reaches full bloom about July 4, Independence Day. Its colors are yellow and black, the same as the Calvert quarters of the State flag.

First and only law in colonial America guaranteeing religious freedom was passed in Maryland in 1649.

First monument to Christopher Columbus in America was erected in Baltimore in 1792.

First inoculation against smallpox in the United States was performed by Dr. Henry Stevenson in Baltimore in 1769.

First printed copies of the Declaration of Independence bearing the signatures of the signers was published by Mary Katherine Goddard in Baltimore in January 1777.

First College of Dental Surgery in the United States was founded in Baltimore in 1839.

First Odd Fellows Lodge was established in Baltimore in 1819.

First vocational school in the country was Baltimore's Polytechnic, started in 1883.

First law magazine published in America, the American Law Journal, began publication in Baltimore in 1808.

First railroad incorporated in America was the B&O, chartered in 1827.

First vaccination hospital in the United States opened in Baltimore in 1802.

First armored car unit of the U.S. Army was organized at Fort George Meade in 1928.

First manned flight in the United States occurred in 1784 outside Baltimore in a balloon owned by attorney Peter Carnes.

First non-stop airplane flight over a city occurred on Nov. 7, 1910, when Hubert Latham circled Baltimore for 42 minutes.

The U.S. Army's first aviation corps was established 1909 at College Park with Wilbur and Orville Wright as instructors.

The first practical submarine, the "Argonaut," was invented by Simon Lake and built in Baltimore in 1897.

First national convention to nominate a president and vice-president of the United States was held in Baltimore in 1832.

First telegraph message, "What hath God Wrought," was sent from Baltimore to Washington D.C. on May 24, 1844.

First gas light company in America was incorporated in Baltimore in 1817.

First umbrella raised in America was in Baltimore in 1772, following receipt of a shipload of goods from India.

First American umbrella factory established in Baltimore in 1828.

First sugar refinery in the U.S. started in Baltimore in 1784.

First metallic writing pens made in Baltimore in 1810.

First elevator operated by mechanical power invented and manufactured in Baltimore in 1856.

First wholesale ice cream dealer was Jacob Fussel of Baltimore, a milk dealer, who in 1851 started making ice cream as a means of using surplus milk. Cost: \$0.60 per quart.

First electric carline in the U.S. operated between Baltimore and Hampden, 1885.

First building in America expressly built as a Y.M.C.A. was erected in Baltimore in 1859.

First outdoor polo game played at night was held July 2, 1931, in Baltimore.

First theater in America was built in Annapolis in 1751.

First steam-powered railroad in America began operation from Baltimore in 1830.

First demand for woman's suffrage in the New World came from Mistress Margaret Brent, St. Mary's City, 1647.

The Maryland State House, begun in 1772, is the oldest capital building in the United States still in legislative use.