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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmembers Elrich, Berliner, Navarro, Riemer, Hucker, and Council President Leventhal

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Supporting a Request for Information from Gun Manufacturers about their Development of "Smart Gun" technology

## **Background**

- 1. The County Council seeks a community that is safe for all persons.
- 2. There have been over 10,000 homicides by guns per year for the last several years in the United States.
- 3. Reducing the number of firearms-related deaths, injuries, and crimes in Montgomery County, in Maryland, and in the nation is a compelling need.
- 4. Safeguarding the ability of law-abiding Americans to own firearms for personal use is a Constitutional consideration.
- 5. Modernizing and stabilizing the U.S. gun industry is a goal in keeping with a safe society.
- 6. Gun manufacturers, gun dealers, governmental entities, and concerned citizens should work together on these issues.
- 7. Advances in technology make "smart guns" a possibility for protecting lives and preventing crimes.

## **Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Council resolves to add its name to that of other local leaders and jurisdictions from across the country to a Request for Information (RFI) from gun manufacturers who wish to sell firearms to public sector agencies; that RFI will ask gun manufacturers about their practices of working with responsible weapons dealers and about their development of safer "smart gun" technology.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council