



Together, we call on Maryland's elected officials and leaders of the newly established Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention to prioritize efforts to stop the Iron Pipeline—the illegal trafficking of firearms into Maryland from states with weaker gun laws.

Why This Matters:

- The Iron Pipeline is a major source of illegal guns in Maryland. Every day, hundreds of firearms are trafficked up I-95, flooding our communities with weapons used in violent crimes. These illegal firearms are fueling gun violence, driving up emergency room visits and putting innocent lives at risk.
- Maryland ranks among the top states for trafficked guns, which means our strong state-level gun safety laws are being undermined by lax regulations in surrounding states.
- 2/3 of guns recovered in crimes in Maryland are traced to out-of-state sources, making it clear that reducing gun violence in our state requires addressing the flow of illegal guns through the Iron Pipeline.

Our Requests:

1. Make the fight against the Iron Pipeline a top priority for the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention, and dedicate resources to curbing the illegal trafficking of firearms into Maryland.
2. Increase coordination between Maryland law enforcement, federal agencies and other states to identify and disrupt illegal gun trafficking routes.
3. Ensure communities most affected by gun violence are directly involved in efforts to combat the Iron Pipeline and help shape solutions that will protect their safety.
4. Support actions that close gaps in existing laws and policies that allow The Iron Pipeline to thrive including holding surrounding states, retailers and individuals accountable. This includes working collaboratively with these groups to implement lasting strategies to stem the flow of illegal firearms or taking direct legal action to protect Maryland's youth while keeping guns out of the hands of people who could not purchase them legally.

We stand united in demanding immediate action to stop the Iron Pipeline and make Maryland a safer place for all residents.

By signing this petition, we urge our leaders to take decisive steps to prevent illegal guns from entering our state and to work toward a future free from gun violence.