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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COST OF AMMUNITION

WHEREAS: An average of 81 people die of gun-related injuries daily in the United States.

WHEREAS: The Second Amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms, but it does not specify the availability of ammunition, and,

WHEREAS: The crime rate in the US rises annually, especially in depressed cities like Baltimore, and

WHEREAS: 661 people died and 29,036 people were injured due to the accidental discharge of firearms in 2004, and,

WHEREAS: Homicide is the third leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year olds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General Assembly to place a tax of 1500% on ammunition sales in order to decrease the use of handguns in violent situations.

MANDATES: Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor
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