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Statement of Attorney General Frosh on Supreme Court’s Denial of Cert in *Kolbe v. Hogan*

BALTIMORE, MD (November 27, 2017) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today issued the following statement regarding the Supreme Court’s denial of a cert petition in *Kolbe v. Hogan*:

“The Maryland Firearm Safety Act is a common-sense law. The Supreme Court’s denial of certiorari confirms the principle that states may protect their citizens and communities from the devastation of these weapons of war. The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals found that assault weapons and large-capacity magazines banned by Maryland are ‘like’ the military’s M-16 rifles and were not only ‘designed for the battlefield,’ but also ‘have been used disproportionately to their ownership in mass shootings and the murders of law enforcement officers.’ Assault weapons, which have resulted in the slaughter of hundreds of people in recent months, are not protected by the Second Amendment. The Firearm Safety Act remains the law in Maryland.

“I appreciate the work of the members of the Office of Attorney General’s Civil Division who have worked on this case, particularly former Chief of the Civil Division Matt Fader.”

Passed by the General Assembly in 2013, the Maryland Firearm Safety Act bans the possession, sale, offer for sale, transfer, purchase, or receipt of “assault long guns,” and bans the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, purchase, receipt, or transfer of detachable magazines having a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition.