

Hello delegates. My name is Joshua Michael, I am a Germantown, Maryland resident, competitive sport shooter, and registered Democrat. I am testifying today in opposition to SB-39 to prevent others from unknowingly becoming felons on October 1st 2020 if this bill were to be passed as is. I do not own a 300 caliber AM-15 but others in this state do. Anyone who legally purchased these weapons from October 1st 2013 to September 30th 2020 and did not get rid of their rifle before then would be in violation of the law and could lose their gun rights as a result.

If a friend of mine who was less politically inclined than myself purchased a rifle legally during this time and was not fortunate enough to hear about this change, he would have no recourse come October 1st 2020 despite being an otherwise law abiding member of the community. SB 39 does not change the cutoff date for purchasing registered weapons in this state but instead merely adds the AM-15 to the list of registered weapons, possession of which is illegal unless purchased before October 1st 2013.

I urge the members of Judicial Proceedings committee to not criminalize law-abiding members of the gun community who do not stay up to date with every happening in Annapolis.