

OPPOSE HB636

I have been a Maryland resident since 1955 when first transferred to Edgewood as a young Army officer. In late 1960, I pursued a civilian career as an engineer and bought a home in Bel Air. In 1966 I opened a tiny business in Bel Air - still in operation after my retirement.

I grew up in CT and was taught - and enjoyed - the safe use of firearms ever since. I was on our college rifle and pistol teams. I scored well in military annual rang practice and I have engaged in - and even instructed - safe shooting activities with family and friends ever since. Although I have had a firearm within reach and also legally carried a firearm to work every single day, I [and my close family] have neither shot nor killed one single person - or even an animal - in my entire life.

Just think; if it had not been for privately-owned, un-confiscated, firearms during America's Revolutionary War, today we would be singing GOD SAVE THE QUEEN instead of our National Anthem. One of the dangers of present day firearm confiscation is that in the future, Americans might be saluting a cursed Hammer and Sickle flag instead of our beloved Stars and Stripes.

Please tell your elected comrades in Annapolis that to better earn their honest-working-citizen-paid annual salaries, they should be clearing Maryland of ACTIVE CRIMINALS rather than INANIMATE IRON.

God bless America

Sincerely,

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