

Testimony --HB1257 OPPOSE

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Greetings, my name is Ken Motter, I am a Law Abiding Federally licensed firearms dealer from Marylands Eastern shore. I am here in strong opposition to HB1257. I see this bill as nothing more than a burden to already compliant businesses. Firstly the information you are looking to obtain already exists and maintained on site through the acquisition and Disposition ledger which is required by Federal law. The sellers and purchasers names and addresses are required as well as serial numbers, make, model and caliber of the firearms. Secondly how do you wish to pay for this? Tax payers money? If this is what the state wants you should be asking permission from us to retrofit our store to meet your ridiculous needs at zero cost to the business. Not at our expense! At last check we still have private property rights in Maryland, and this is our property. We already protect our investment and the public with cameras, locks, safes, vaults and security systems but that was our choice while working with the ATF to meet our needs as well as the communities. Apparently that's not good enough for you though. Lastly the fact that you want us to carry two million dollars worth of liability insurance to cover the actions of someone else is ludicrous. We only sell to law abiding citizens based on the background check you already demand of us and now you want us to be responsible for others actions? What is the mandates insurance for first amendment if a journalist slanders someone? Your unable to control the violence in the streets and reduce crime or even pass mandatory minimums on violent offenders. So now you want to use the states failures to burden the law abiding Federally licensed business owner. But this bill isn't about crime, it's about putting us out of business and stripping the 2nd Amendment rights of the Citizenry.

Thank you,
Ken Motter

