

This bill is named "Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act" to hide the fact that this is a new Excise Tax proposed on the hard working citizens of Maryland. Not only that, but it specifically taxes law abiding firearms owners. Criminals do not buy their firearms via legal methods, and therefore would not be paying this tax.

Hunters already provide \$7 Million a year in hunting licenses, tags, permits & stamps to Maryland. Law abiding firearm owners already pay sales tax on firearms, ammunition, and accessories.

Proceeds from this new excise tax would be used for shock trauma centers as if legal firearm owners are the cause of people needing shock trauma centers. This is not true.

I reside in Maryland and have been a law abiding firearm owner for over 40 years. I have never needed the services of a trauma shock center. I have never caused another person to need a shock trauma center. I don't know any law abiding firearm owner who has.

Please OPPOSE SB0784.