

HB947

My name is Mark Schneider I am the Vice President of the Maryland Licensed Firearm Dealers Association.

Our organization takes issue with this bill. The presumption that licensed firearms dealers harm the public through the legal sale of highly regulated and constitutionally protected products is untrue.

Our Organization opposes HB 947 as it threatens our members' ability to stay in business. Data does not support the claim that Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers are the source of the reckless and illegal actions of criminals.

We are a highly regulated industry abiding by both federal and state statutes governing the sale of our products. Licensed dealers do not sell firearms to the criminal market. As you know there are severe criminal and civil penalties for doing so.

**Vague Terms such as “reasonable controls”and
“unreasonable under the totality of the circumstances”
are not defined or clearly explained and are thus
unacceptable terms.**

**Due to the vague terms in this Bill it would open every
licensed dealer to frivolous, punitive litigation and
would make it impossible to obtain the insurance we
need to stay in business.**

**Licensed Dealers should not be held liable for the legal
and lawful sale of firearms to law abiding citizens.
Those who commit illegal acts with firearms should.
We support stricter penalties for those who illegally use
firearms.**

I Request an Unfavorable Report