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HB 21 - Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant

Unfavorable

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As your constituent, and as a member of the Board of Directors at Maryland Shall Issue, while my views do not represent the organization, I am personally against this bill and implore the House to find it unfavorable.

The Democrat party platform has often stated that abuse of police power victimizes the most vulnerable of us – so why do party members such as Delegate Attar want to keep giving law enforcement new tools to continue the cycle? The bill gives far too much officer discretion, based solely on a simple misdemeanor in the officer’s presence. Warrantless arrests such as these may also be unconstitutional – going against the fourth amendment. Simply looking at Baltimore’s past with the Gun Trace Task Force are a strong example of why we should not be blindly handing out such discretionary power:

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/2/2/16961146/baltimore-gun-trace-task-force-trial>

Fore these reasons, I urge an unfavorable report.

Thank you,

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