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Testimony on behalf of Jeffrey S. Folk

IN OPPOSITION TO:

SB39

I am a citizen of rural Western Maryland, a loving husband and caring father of two. I am writing today in OPPOSITION of SB39.

The firearm in question, the Andersen AM-15 multical is already banned as a copy of the Bushmaster AR15. This bill is a clear attempt to ban the .300 Blackout Caliber semi-automatic rifle. The pistol version is already not approved on the handgun roster. As a voter in Maryland, I clearly see this as nothing more than an attempt to further limit firearm ownership to lawful citizens of this state.

Maybe if our legislators, focused their efforts on criminals, who are given reduced sentences in firearms related crimes, and pushed for more severe criminal sentencing, you could leave those of us alone, who don't commit crimes or break the law. Time and again, I read about murders in Baltimore and when I look more closely at those who have been found guilty of murder, they have a previous history of committing crimes with firearms. So maybe just maybe, we should be looking at the root of the violent crimes in this state as a morality problem. And put those immoral criminals in jail. And keep them there.

I would encourage the sponsor and anyone who would potentially support this bill to look into their hearts. Would this bill truly impact public safety, or is it to harm firearms owners? If you feel that this would have any impact on public safety, where is your data to back this up? Where are the mass crimes in Maryland, committed by evil people equipped with .300 blackout Andersen rifles? If you vote yes, and in your heart, it is with intent to disarm citizens of Maryland and those who support the Second Amendment, then I will pray for you, because that is evil!

In closing, I oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folk