

Feb. 4th 2020

Testimony - SB208- Public Safety  
Rifles and Shotguns Secondary Transactions  
Amendment Support Request

Chairman Smith and Members of The Judicial  
Proceedings Committee

We are writing you today to share our concerns and request for an amendment to SB 208. This legislation, as drafted would limit the ability of our community to purchase a firearm due to our religious beliefs. In our community we do not believe in having our photo taken. We are known as the Stauffer Mennonite Church. consisting of approximately 110 families, our beliefs on this matter are consistent with that of the Southern Maryland Amish Community.

Long guns are used for hunting, slaughter, as well as protection for crops and varmints. Our wish is to be able to keep, hold, support, preserve and maintain our estate, as well as heritage from our forefathers.

Our wishes as far as Maryland Gun laws are concerned is to be able to lawfully keep and use our firearms and be able to hand down or sell those long guns to our descendants, as well as legally purchase used firearms. Senator Bailey is familiar with our community and values. Should any questions arise, please direct them to him for follow up.

We appreciate your time and attention to our concerns.

Respectfully,

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