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BILL NO.: Senate Bill 664
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings
TITLE: *Declaration of Rights – Right to Privacy*
POSITION: Oppose

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SB 664, *Declaration of Rights – Right to Privacy*, seeks to amend the Maryland Constitution for the purposes of:

- 1) Explicitly, securing the State’s authority to infringe upon the citizens’ right to keep and bear arms.
- 2) Implicitly, enshrining the practice of abortion as a right that is nearly immune to State regulation.

In Maryland, it the right to keep and bear arms, not the right to abortion, that is under any realistic threat. Additionally, the bill’s benign title and its wording deliberately seek to misinform the citizen voter regarding the bill’s actual intentions and consequences. SB 664 is unnecessary, deceptive, and represents the worst sort of partisan political pandering.

I request an “unfavorable” vote on SB 664.