
Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in Opposition of SB664

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I am a member of Multiple Gun Rights organizations. Maryland Shall Issue, Associated Gun Clubs, Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association, and the National Rifle Association. I am a certified Range Safety Officer with the NRA. I compete in multiple shooting events such as Steel Challenge, 3-gun, small bore, and vintage military rifle matches. I am an avid firearms collector. I oppose SB664.

This bill that wishes to create a “right to privacy” has one major glaring issue. The carve out for gun owners, excluding them from this “right to privacy” is blatantly unconstitutional. It violates the 14th Amendment’s Equal Protection Clause. The intent of this carve out is clear, to allow for future laws requiring invasion of privacy for gun owners. In fact, many of those bills have already been introduced this session. HB35 requiring the unconstitutional monitoring and tracking of a firearm owners lawfully owned property, SB816, requiring audio and video recording of citizens purchasing firearms lawfully. If any other lawful activity was inserted in place of “purchase of a firearm or ammunition”, everyone would be up in arms over how this was unacceptable. Instead, this state considers firearms owners second class citizens. *McDonald* established that the 2nd Amendment is not a second class right.

At the very least this bill needs Page 2, lines 2 and 3 struck out.

Because of these reasons above, I request an unfavorable report.

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