

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to HB4 for the same reasons I was opposed to it when over fifteen hundred Marylanders Showed up last year to voice our displeasure with the gun bills voted on in 2019. This bill will create a nightmarish uncertainty in violations in the due process clause of the 14th amendment. And the FFL checks mandated in this bill for loans is a direct violation of current Federal law. Also the bill completely ignores the fact that these weapons are almost never used in crime. In fact, FBI statistics firmly show that more people are killed every year by hands and feet than all long guns combined.

NICS checks are not permitted for private sales because NICS is a federal database and bon fide private sales are not regulated by federal law. This means that no dealer may legally comply with the requirement for private transfers that would be imposed by this bill because the dealer is not actually making the transferred and thus may not access NICS to institute a back ground check. Federal regulations are quite explicit on that point.

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Under ATF guidance a dealer may only facilitate a private sale. The guidance does not address temporary possessions.

With all due respect, I am against any and all pending bills that infringe on my constitutional, second amendment rights.

Regards,

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