

HB-0004

Delegates,

I am a lifelong resident of Anne Arundel County, I oppose HB0004. This bill will restrict access to the second amendment rights guaranteed by our constitution to only those who have the financial means.

I have not been a gun owner for as long as many people are at this meeting today, but I can tell you as a younger, less wealthy citizen of this great state that adding additional fees can be detrimental to gun ownership for my generation and our sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

This law will not affect criminals of our state, but will only affect law abiding citizens. I have found friends that will be lifelong in this hobby, and I would not want others dissuaded by a further financial barrier from participating in hunting, competition shooting, or going to the range. Providing a way to ensure the prohibited persons will not be allowed to purchase long guns in non-FFL sales would be a better solution. If there was a free and publically available NICS equivalent this would provide a way to allow long gun transfer without excluding a large demographic of our state.

I urge the house judiciary committee to raise an unfavorable account on bill HB0004.

Thank you for your time.