

# Testimony against Bill HB910

My name is Nicholas DeTello, and I'm a home-owning resident of Carroll County. My wife and I cannot make it to testify today due to the sheer number of gun control bills that would personally impact our family being forced through the Maryland General Assembly this year. Unlike in previous years with gun bill days, these bills are spread apart week after week, robbing citizens (the constituents of the intended readers) of their PTO as well as taxing their job performance, personal lives, and well-being.

This particular bill is very unfair to enthusiasts, who make up the vast majority of people making firearms at home. Gun enthusiasts spend thousands of dollars on these prized possessions. Homemade firearms not only require money; they take many, many hours of time, sweat, and love to make correctly. It's not like you can push a button and out pops a gun – metal reinforcement, milling, filing, and sanding is normally required for the firearm to be of any reliable quality or even fire a single shot.

If this bill becomes law, I assert it will not stop crime. In fact, it will only make previously lawful activity a crime! Actual criminals breaking the laws already on the books would much rather steal a firearm and destroy the serial number or go through a straw sale. Such criminals would not bother with 3d printing materials, part availability, shipping times, the necessary hand tools, tuning and testing, that are normally put into homemade firearms.

Please rule unfavorably on this bill. I have many friends and close family who you would be turning into criminals overnight; and I want my descendants to be able to enjoy the same rights I have access to. Most people are not even aware of the obscure and complex laws being passed for the entire state until they are unknowingly breaking them; which is especially dangerous with a law such as this one, where something as innocent as downloading and possessing a file becomes a crime! Please don't make me regret settling my family down in the great state of Maryland.