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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
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Re: Bill: **SB0027** – Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, and Transport a Handgun -
Qualifications
Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this bill.

I have been a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit holder for over ten years. Fortunately, the Maryland State Police have decided that, due to my business activities, I am qualified to be granted such a permit.

I believe that self-defense should be included in the list of “good and substantial reasons” to be granted a permit, provided applicants meet the other qualifications set forth in the law including a thorough background check and training.

Nationally, permit holders are among some of the most law-abiding seasons. According to a 2016 study by the Crime Prevention Research Center entitled “Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2016”, permit holders commit less crime than sworn law enforcement officers – and Maryland law allows sworn law enforcement officers the ability to carry a firearm (both on- and off-duty).

I respectfully ask that you please allow qualified Marylanders to protect themselves and their families and give this bill a favorable vote.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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