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### In Opposition To HB0175

I write this in opposition to HB0175 for several reasons, and will attempt to articulate them here. This bill would require NICS background checks on all purchases and transfers of ammunition, and is put forward as a public safety bill.

First this bills requirement for background checks on all ammunition places an undue burden on law abiding citizens who are already subject to background checks and wait times to even have the firearms to use said ammo with. This bill also places the burden on legal ammunition dealers and the Maryland state police in the form of record-keeping for which the ammunition sales during hunting season alone would be astronomical.

Second this bill does not improve public safety in any way. Performing background checks on ammunition does not deter nor prevent violent criminals from obtaining said ammunition, as with most restricted items they are already obtaining these things illegally to prevent ease of tracing. To make matters worse this bill could have the potential to create an illegal market demand for ammunition, and give criminals incentive to steal ammunition from homes and businesses thus increasing the risk to the public and doing the opposite of what this bills writer intended.

In summary this bill is both a burden to the law abiding citizens, retailers, and law enforcement members of Maryland, and fails to have any positive impact on public safety. For these reasons and many more not stated here I ask that you reject this bill. Thank you for your time.