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HB1291 - Untraceable Firearms

Delegate Amprey:

I am opposed to HB1291. As a law-abiding gun owner and resident of the State of Maryland I am adamantly opposed to this bill. This bill will do zero to stop crimes. You are focused on harming law-abiding citizens instead of focusing on penalizing criminals for their actual crimes. It is not the gun that kills/harms, it is the person using it. Gunsmithing has long been an art or a fine craft. There are hundreds if not thousands of people that design and create their own hand crafted firearms. These are prized possessions that are the culmination of hours of precious time and talent.

Unlike the complicated grandfather clause that does exist in HB638 for currently owned homemade firearms, HB1291 would have you jailed for continued possession. Owners of homemade firearms would have to choose between ridding themselves of their personal property or face potential criminal prosecution.

Don't turn law-abiding citizens into criminals for zero effect on actual crime.

I implore you to vote NO to HB1291.

Respectfully yours,

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