

February 25, 2020

Hon. Delegate Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
Room 101 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 175 Public Safety - Ammunition - Sales and Transfers Hearing _____
Position: Oppose

Dear Delegate Clippinger and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted to express my opposition to this unnecessary bill. It is a poor solution seeking a non-existent problem.

This bill would result in increased costs for Maryland citizens, and would not prevent any problems of crime or unlawful use of firearms. It would especially impact hunters, target shooting competitors, college and school shooting teams, and potential Olympic competitors, many of whom may not possess a Handgun Qualification License.

Requiring background checks using the NICS Index is not possible. That index is only for firearms, not ammunition.

Extensive record keeping will cost ammunition vendors additional labor costs, which will be passed on to consumers. The definition of a vendor is unclear. As written it may only apply to Maryland ammunition vendors. If so, the additional costs will drive buyers to buy at lower prices out of state.

Additionally, it is a **further infringement** on the rights granted citizens by the Second Amendment to the US Constitution. Whenever it is determined that a right can be taxed, it can be used to take away that right (for example, poll taxes and the right to vote). Incremental steps to reduce citizen rights are no more acceptable than efforts to eradicate those rights.

I am available to answer any questions which you may have. Please feel free to contact me, Steven Randol, 410-695-2183, or stevenrandol9@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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