

February 25, 2021

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT G. DAVIS IN OPPOSITION TO HB 200**

I appreciate the opportunity to present my testimony in opposition to HB 200 to the members of this committee this afternoon.

There are a lot of issues with this bill that I find very concerning. It places everyone that owns a firearm into a new category of criminals that is being created here. Everyone that owns a firearm falls into this trap of "could gain access to the firearm". It is a disturbing piece of legislation that goes far beyond common sense and reason.

This bill can work in harmony with other current gray area laws, such as the red flag law, to punish law abiding gun owners by the masses who have not committed any crimes whatsoever. It is another tool that can be used by anyone that has a personal vendetta, someone that merely disagrees with or wants some form of retaliation as back door into the private lives of law abiding individuals by the police.

This is yet another bill that is focusing on far less than 1 percent of any type of firearm crimes or safety problems in the state of Maryland. It is clear that any person supporting this bill does not have their eyes on the ball when it comes to solving the state's crime problem nor do they have any comprehension of firearm safety. If this law passes then it's supporters are OK with putting far more innocent people in jail and far less concerned about taking care of a crime or safety problem. Firearm safety starts in the home, not in committees.

I appreciate the committees attempt at trying to find solutions to crime and violence problems that exist in this state but this is an example of another bill that punishes gun owners and does nothing to cure the problem.

I request an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott G. Davis". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of "Scott" and "Davis" being large and prominent. The middle initials "G." are smaller and less distinct.

Scott G. Davis