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Favorable Testimony - H.B. 845 Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Atterbeary and committee members:

I urge the committee to issue a favorable report for MD 2021 HB 845 Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications.

Maryland is now the most anti-Second Amendment State in our region. Yet, even with laws like the Maryland Firearms Safety Act of 2013, The Red Flag Laws, and banning bump-stocks, since 2014 Maryland has seen a significant increase in gun homicides. In Baltimore City alone since 2014 over 2000 Marylanders have been murdered since these strict gun laws went on the books.

Our neighboring states Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware allow their citizens to carry a firearm with far less restrictions and infringements on their Second Amendment rights than Maryland does.

Maryland does have a violence problem, but not with law abiding gun owners in our State.

The benefits of making a Maryland a “Shall Issue” State include the following:

1. Carrying makes you more observant for situational safety.
2. You can protect yourself from victimization.
3. You are empowered to prevent violence and protect others.

My friends of this committee, it is time for Maryland stop infringing on law abiding citizens 2nd amendment rights, and pass MD 2021 HB 845 Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Daniel L. Cox in black ink.
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