

DATE: February 16, 2022
BILL NO.: Senate Bill 387
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings
TITLE: *Public Safety—Untraceable Firearms*
POSITION: Oppose

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SB 387 would make it a crime to possess a homemade firearm that is not marked with a serial number issued by a federally-licensed firearm manufacturer. If passed, this bill will likely result in otherwise law-abiding citizens being caught unaware and charged with a serious crime, while doing little to suppress criminal violence. Additionally, the only path that the bill provides for the retention of currently-owned homemade firearms is to have the firearm marked with a serial number issued and engraved by a federally-licensed firearm manufacturer. It is not clear that there are any federally-licensed firearm manufacturers in Maryland who are both willing and able to provide this service. I request an “unfavorable” vote on SB 387.