

My name is Brent Amsbaugh. I am a US Navy veteran, husband, and father of three young daughters. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss this matter via virtual testimony last year. I am unable to make it this year, and am submitting written testimony in opposition to SB0387.

I believe in putting the bottom line up front. This bill will end up sending me, and many like me, to prison. It is unacceptable to me that this bill criminalizes a right that Americans have had since colonial days. As technology has progressed, building your own firearms has become easier, but the vast majority of the guns in private hands are used for lawful purposes. These guns are in common use, and do not represent a larger threat to public safety. I will not, under any circumstances, surrender any arms to the state, or pay any fines for property that I have previously owned legally.

There is an article on <https://bearingarms.com/tomknighton/2022/02/12/us-marshall-ghost-gun-n55367> that is worth a read. In short, it quotes a US Marshal as saying: "However, the impact of the proposed ghost gun ban is being questioned by those on the front lines of the crime war.

"If you eliminated all ghost guns you're still going to have a big crime problem," said U.S. Marshal Johnny Hughes.

Hughes believes the only action which will have an impact on the city's soaring homicide rate, is focusing on the users of illegal guns instead of the guns themselves.

"The gun doesn't shoot people, it's the violent offender pulling the trigger who we need to go after," said Hughes."

Doing away with privately made firearms will NOT deter crime in Maryland. You only need to check out the FBI crime stats in order to figure that out.

Respectfully,

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