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WRITTEN TESTIMONY REQUESTING AN UNFAVORABLE REPORT TO SB 387

I appreciate the opportunity to present my testimony in opposition to SB 387 to the members of this committee this afternoon.

Should this bill become law, there will only be two ways for any law-abiding citizen of Maryland to comply. The most obvious is to sell the 80 percent firearm(s) to a licensed FFL. The second is to have a licensed FFL actually engrave a serial number on the 80 percent receiver(s) before the law goes into effect. Time and time again, I have heard the same statement from the same legislators: "Just put a serial number on it". Impossible. There is not one FFL in Washington County, Frederick County, Allegany or Garrett County that is willing to engrave serial numbers on an 80 percent receiver(s) nor can I sell an un-serialized 80 percent build to an FFL. This leaves me with one option: to destroy any 80 percent build that I may have.

I have lived in Washington County, MD for 19 years after having lived in Virginia from 1978-1995 and from 1969-1978 I lived in Georgia. Never have I experienced such disgust in legislators that try to attack the 2nd amendment by forcing law-abiding citizens to follow such archaic laws already on the books but also trying to push through the bill that is being presented today. I worked for a second amendment organization that always said, "give 'em an inch and they'll try to take a mile." And I must say, I have learned exactly what was meant after I moved to Maryland. I understand **Baltimore has a crime problem**. But should that be the whole state of Maryland's problem? Should I, a law-abiding citizen, be held accountable because you can't get Baltimore under control? Do you really think penalizing citizens that follow the law to a "T" will solve the problem you have on your hands? I for one **am tired of being held responsible for Baltimore's issues**.

Maryland is a beautiful state. It is unfortunate that senators, representatives, attorney generals, mayors and out of state lobbyists are determined to turn me into a criminal simply because I choose to exercising my second amendment right by owning my preferred type of firearm(s). Have you taken a step back and completely understood what you will do to citizens if this bill passes? Our lives could be ruined by stiff penalties, fines that are astronomical, and jail time. Yet those that actually COMMIT crimes, are slapped on the wrist and released on bail only to turn around and commit MORE crimes. You will create more criminals out of citizens just like me then you will prevent crime that you think occurs with these types of firearm(s).

Passing a bill and making this a law will not solve your crime problem. You simply make me a criminal. And true criminals do not make nor do they purchase their firearm(s) through a legal FFL holder. They steal them and/or buy them on the black market. Yet, you are going to make criminals out of those that enjoy the ability to build their own firearm(s) out of legally purchased parts.

I don't see how your proposed legislation will curb the crime you seem to think it will. Proof is in the low criminal closure rate in high crime areas. Don't blame me for your inability to effectively capture and prosecute true criminals.

I request an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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