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RE: HB425/SB387

To Whom it may concern,

As a law abiding firearms owner, It is my testimony that HB425/SB387 titled "Public Safety - Untraceable Firearms" is reactionary legislation that will overreach, impacting citizens who hold no intent to break law more than their target demographic of high school age persons and I oppose it wholeheartedly. It simply hopes to scare potential murders from building their own weapons, while providing no legislation that actually stops individuals from building said firearm.

Allow me to start by stating that the bill does not narrowly target that which it wishes to restrict. The honorable attorney general Brian Frosh has stated on camera that this legislation would narrowly target 80% lower kits (kits whose receiver portion must be completed before assembling the rest of the weapon). However, upon inspection of the actual bill, the verbage targets all unserialized receivers, thereby affecting unsuspecting individuals who have either built their own firearm from scratch or have 3D printed their own firearm. Regardless of what anyone thinks of an individual who prints or forges their own weapon, this bill targets them as well, which was not the intent of the bill and should be at least amended or the bill scrapped.

Furthermore, The bill in question criminalizes the possession of all unserialized lowers and sets forward impossible standards within the realm of enthusiasts who print their own firearms for recreational and educational means. There are provisions for serialization, but a 3D printed centerfire handgun or firearm will be made entirely of polymer and therefore cannot be serialized according to the requirements the ATF has for centerfire firearms. The ATF requires that centerfire firearms be serialized on a section of metal, of which an entirely polymer 3D printer receiver has none. Furthermore only certain federally licensed firearms dealers can serialize firearms, particularly those with a type 07 license. Of the 722 active FFL addresses in Maryland as of this writing , only 163 have a type 07 license and are therefore capable of serializing firearms. Even if they are capable, most of these type 07 FFLs do not offer serializing as a service. As such It poses an unfair penalty on citizens who had no mind towards hurting their fellow human beings and should either not require the serialization of home built weapons, or be scrapped entirely.

Not wanting to simply state my stance without giving a possible solution, I instead propose the following ideas as legislation to replace this bill to prevent future shootings regarding unserialized weapons without penalizing those law abiding individuals who privately manufacture their own firearms:

- Require packages including components **critical to the function of a firearm** to be shipped to a federally licensed dealer, as opposed to being directly shipped to the purchasing individual.
  - Components **critical to the function of a firearm** are defined as: components which are constructed specifically for the purpose of being used in the construction of a firearm.
- Require that the purchaser provide identification linking themselves to their package, and require that the federally licensed dealer verify the purchaser's identification in any way the dealer desires
- If the dealer is able to verify identity and the purchaser is above 18 years of age, the dealer may release the item to the purchaser
- If the dealer is unable to verify identity or the purchaser is under 18 years of age, the dealer may not release the item to the purchaser
  - In this case, it is the purchaser's responsibility to either:
    - Provide their dealer with a return label for their order within 90 days of failing their first background check

OR

- Pass any subsequent background check within 90 days of failing their first background check, with a limit of 2 attempted background checks a day
- After 90 days of holding the purchaser's Item, the federally licensed dealer may do as they please with the purchaser's item if the purchaser has not yet recovered their item

Note that there is no penalty for failing the background check, nor a penalty for providing false identification, that was on purpose, as my intent is to discourage an individual from building a firearm without first engaging with their local FFL or an individual of 18 years or older, not add to our ridiculous prison population.

Sincerely,

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