

SB387

Submitted by: John P. Dolan

Position: UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I submit the following written testimony in OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 387.

My name is John Dolan, and I live in Reisterstown, Maryland. I do not support the bill for the following reasons:

- 1) The bill is overly broad in its definition of “firearm” which would include unfinished receivers. It is vague in its definition; if a block of plastic is marketed as a “0%” receiver, it would fall under this bill. There is no clear meaning behind the words “readily completed.” Does it mean in an hour? In a couple of days? Does it require specialized tools?
- 2) It is an unfunded mandate with large financial repercussions. Only licensees authorized by federal law (FFL’s) are allowed to provide marking services. There is no imperative for any of these dealers, importers, manufacturers, or other federal licensees to provide marking services. Any that do choose to offer such a services are allowed to charge whatever price they seem fit, leaving a potentially large cost on the owner of such an item. Many people who make their own firearms do so because it is a cheaper option than purchasing a readily-made firearm. This bill would disproportionately disenfranchise low-income individuals of their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms.
- 3) If a gun is already serialized (for instance if a Maryland resident previously made a firearm and serialized it according to ATF recommendations), a FFL would be committing a federal crime by serializing the firearm in compliance with this law.
- 4) As with all gun-control laws, they only serve to further restrict the rights of law-abiding gunowners.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please vote AGAINST SB387.

Sincerely,

John Dolan