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HB1040 Firearms - Advice of Counsel Letter

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I am a student, Eagle Scout, family man, as well as a Civil Rights Enthusiast. I have voted independently, I am currently registered as a Libertarian, and I have a diverse set of views (some left, some right). These include but are not limited to: equality, limiting abuse of police power, protection of minority groups (such as my direct LGBT family), and decriminalization of victimless crimes (drug possession, gun possession, exercising civil rights, etc.).

As a Maryland gunowner I am frequently subjected to new and deceptive forms of gun control, including some of the most punitive, arbitrary, and capricious gun licensing requirements in the country, far beyond any of Maryland's neighboring states. The continued blanket enforcement of these requirements hurts the less fortunate/privileged groups most. The brunt of these laws, which partially came to fruition via the current Attorney General, Brian Frosh, are classist, and create a pay-to-play system where only the wealthy and privileged have access to their rights. This is the same Attorney General currently arguing in favor of Qualified Immunity and against recording of the police.

For the above reasons, I support the lawsuit presented by the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association; and towards Brian Frosh's response to the outcome of that case.

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