I am writitng to state I am in favor of HB1174. Currently, Maryland only allows the select few whose lives are deemed more valuable than the rest to defend themselves. In and age where equity and equality are the biggest sociopolitcal issues, this is a major faux pas. Right now, Maryland let's the world know that here, only the rich and elites lives matter, while Baltimore has never been more dangerous. If you are concerned about this leading to more criminals carrying guns, let me insist you look towards Baltimore where criminal illegally carry everyday. The current may issue status only stops responsible people from carrying and defending themselves against criminal. And criminals know this and therefore treat everyone they see as thier next easy victim. Please consider voting for HB1174 and reducing crime in Maryland.

V/r Keith M.