



MGA Testimony for comprehensive 2a Rights 2022

Summary of testimony

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- Make lawmakers aware of coming gun violence
- inform about the the futility and dangers of blind 2a legislation (past & Present)
- inform about the needs for practical defense for law abiding citizens
- Inform about the effects of “defunding police street presence”

[Current MD 2a Laws](#)

Gaps in citizen protection (currently)

Currently, Maryland is a joke in the self defense:

- Magazine and firearm restriction create loopholes for criminal acquisitions outside of the state
- Conceal and wear and carry permits are subject to the opinion of others, not the socio-economic climate of one's environment
- Citizens right to protect themselves is only upheld when they are at home (which a vast majority of Marylanders spend 60%-80% of their day away from)
- [HQL process](#) (read comments) is more about taxing gun owners, than protective training

Bills of Concern

[Legislation - HB0207](#)

Prohibiting a judicial officer from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with a crime involving a handgun after having been convicted of a crime involving a handgun within the previous 5 years; and requiring that a certain defendant be held without bail pending trial in a certain correctional facility.

[Legislation - HB0030](#)

Prohibiting a person from carrying or displaying a firearm on the premises of a privately or publicly owned building being used as a polling site during an election, including in a parking lot, or carrying or possessing a firearm within 100 feet of a polling site during an election, subject to a certain exception; and establishing a certain civil penalty of up \$5,000 for a certain violation. etc.

Issues these Bills Present

- In minority communities gun violence and hate crimes have made their way into schools, churches, and other polling sites. These offenses are met with a [comically soft touch from law enforcement when it relates to victims of color](#) vs [others](#). This bill is another example of how restrictive Maryland is as a state in relation to its citizens freedom and safety opposed to [other states](#). This law is another form of suppression of voters and 2a right gun holders.
 - Police have been noticeably restricted since the introduction of “Defund the Police” efforts due to a [constant mishandling of groups of color](#).
 - [Defending yourself anywhere except for your house or business automatically creates felons out of normally law abiding citizens \(unless they can prove their innocence\)](#). This even includes the responsibility of protecting one's family (which creates a separation of parental and marital accomplishment). The lack of pretrial release subjects those law-abiding citizens to a prison complex that does nothing to rehabilitate but rather dehumanizes its occupants.
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Public Sentiments (currently)

Gun Owners:

[The guns that are being restricted are only that of law abiding gun owners](#). which then gives felonious gun owners advantages [tactically](#) and [legally](#)

Having a small group decide who is allowed to protect themselves and where (even when) is a sign that there is no empathy for human beings and their natural right to feel safe.

Non-Gun Owners:

[guns must be restricted](#). With less guns available, and strict punishment for gun “crime” communities may avoid the Dangers of crimes.

However with the decline of gun possessions from 2019 with the added increase of gun crimes in the state (2020 - present) indicate that the network of illegal gun owners are NOT affected directly by MGA legislation.