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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 1 - Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)

POSITION: OPPOSE

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) opposes SB 1, the Gun Safety Act of 2023.

Based on the bill language, every law enforcement officer, legal concealed carry holder, and law abiding hunter would be in violation of this law, when legally carrying.

Under this law, those who are legally allowed to carry, including law enforcement officers and legal citizens, would not be allowed to patronize convenience stores, gas stations, hotels, department stores, and so much more. They would be violating the law, just by traveling throughout the state.

We understand that the Sponsor of this legislation will be offering amendments to significantly alter this bill and provide for certain exemptions. We look forward to reviewing those amendments but at this time with SB1 as introduced the MTA requests an unfavorable report of SB 1.

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