

My name is James Schmidt. I am 67 years old and have been a resident of Pasadena, Maryland for 62 years. I am a retired commissioned agent of the Internal Revenue Service, with 38 years of service. I am a strong proponent of the Second Amendment and the right of myself and other law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as recently affirmed by our Supreme Court. I am strongly opposed to SB0001.

You know there is no statistical evidence that limiting where trained, law-abiding citizens who have gone through multiple background checks (HQL, firearm purchase, wear and carry permit) are allowed to carry firearms, will reduce crime.

You know that citizens trying to comply with this proposal will have to be constantly unholstering, handling and re-holstering their firearms in a confined space to leave them in cars while going into stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc. This will leave the guns more susceptible to theft by criminals.

You know that what you should be doing is getting criminals and illegal guns off the street, not criminalizing law abiding persons like myself for crossing some arbitrary boundary set by a bunch of left wing radicals just push their political agenda.

Furthermore, you know this will be challenged with multiple lawsuits and, in the end, you will lose anyway.

We don't need to be in competition with New York, New Jersey and California. Let's make the term "Free State" mean what it originally meant.