

My name is Julian Adkins, I am a business owner in the State of Maryland and currently serving in the United States Military. I would like to start by saying that as a business owner I pick up money and checks from different stores that I sell merchandise in resulting in having to carry around a significant amount of cash on my person. Not having permission to carry a firearm in a business or residence defeats the purpose of having a concealed carry permit. As the law currently stands if you aren't allowed to carry a firearm into a building, it is posted and visible.

Every year, I receive training on foreign as well domestic terrorism and threats through my service in the United States Military. This training tells me that the uniform I wear to serve the great nation we live in essentially paints a target on my back to the people who would wish to cause harm to our nation. . Those who serve in law enforcement find themselves in a similar scenario.

The Supreme Court last year made a ruling that Maryland's gun laws were unconstitutional. In accordance with said ruling Governor Hogan directed the Maryland State Police to suspend the good and substantial reason to get a carry permit. The current bill which the Senate is attempting to pass would place the State of Maryland back on a list of a state having unconstitutional gun laws. Simply put, I do not agree with this bill being passed. This bill is unconstitutional and infringes on my 2nd amendment rights which I serve my country to defend and uphold.