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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0113 Civil Actions – Public Nuisances – Firearms Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2023)
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously opposes SB 0113 Civil Actions – Public Nuisances – Firearms Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2023). The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on February 7, 2023.

It is our understanding that this legislation prohibits firearm industry members from knowingly or recklessly creating, maintaining, or contributing to a public nuisance through the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation or marketing of a firearm-related product under certain circumstances; requiring a firearm industry member to establish and implement certain reasonable controls regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession or use of certain firearm related products and authorizing certain civil action for violations of the act.

Cecil County strongly opposes any bill that penalizes any company or individual that is legally operating a firearm business for the actions of others. In addition, it is our opinion that this legislation is in conflict with the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) and needs to be defeated.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send an unfavorable report on SB 0113.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory
President of County Council