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While I am providing testimony on my own behalf, I am the president of Onyx Sharpshooters, the Prince George's County chapter of the National African American Gun Association (NAAGA). I am also the State Director for Maryland and Washington, DC for said national organization.

First and foremost, this bill is prelude to more frivolous lawsuits. The last thing Maryland needs is more frivolous lawsuits.

Unless the firearm malfunctions, there is no basis for suing the manufacturer. There is also no basis for suing the sales entity that sold that firearm. Before the person took possession of said firearm, they passed a background check. What they did with said firearm has nothing to do with the manufacturer or the sales entity and neither of them has any control over what said owner does with said firearm after their purchase is complete. Similarly, the manufacturers and sales entity of cars have no control over how their products are used after the purchase of their product is completed. No entity can rightfully sue the manufacturer and sales entity of a car because the owner chooses to use their car to drive onto a crowded sidewalk.

Lawmakers were elected to make laws and govern based upon the facts, not feelings or emotions. While you are free to act upon feelings and emotions in your own personal lives, these feelings and emotions **should not** determine how you view the facts of this situation.