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The Honorable Senator William C. Smith Jr., Chairman and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Chairman Smith and Members,

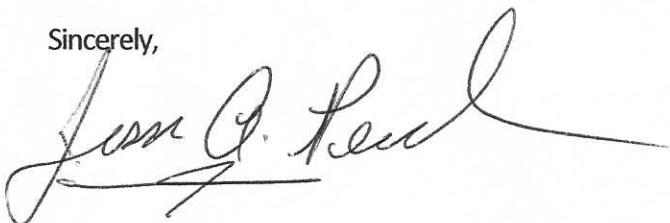
RE: – Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms –
Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023) –

This bill will punish law abiding citizens while doing nothing to deter criminals. Obviously, criminals do not care about the law. Shouldn't we be targeting criminals and their use of firearms? Citizens with concealed carry permits have gone through rigorous training in gun safety and relevant laws. They register their firearms. They have met the high standards required to receive the government's approval to carry a firearm.

SB0001 would also infringe on Second Amendment rights. The Supreme Court has ruled in support of Second Amendment rights, affirming that an individual is not constrained to defend himself/herself only in the home, but can do so outside the home as well without having to prove a "proper cause" such as a prior threat to their safety. Enacting a law like SB0001 that essentially keeps people from defending themselves outside the home, especially in high crime areas, is in direct conflict with our Second Amendment rights.

For these reasons, please give **SB0001** an **UNFAVORABLE** report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse A. Peed", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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United States Constitution 2nd Amendment

- "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."