

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Bryan Griffith I am a business owner of State Line Tactical Supply, where we make and sell holsters to a wide variety of businesses throughout Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. I carry cash and merchandise with me at all times during the day. When I first obtained my wear and carry for Maryland you had to be a business owner in order to get this permit. Since the Supreme Court Ruling regarding the Bruen case that 8 states were unconstitutional in not allowing individuals to carry outside of their home, the door was opened for many individuals to obtain their wear and carry permits for personal protection. Passage of SB001 would make it illegal for me to carry a firearm in the state while transporting cash and other merchandise.

With this bill you are not protecting the citizens of the state of Maryland, criminals do not go through background checks to purchase or carry a gun. If you draw statistics from states that have permitless carry in comparison to those with greater limits placed on law abiding citizens the numbers do not support the idea that increased legislation equals decreased violent crime. The crime rate in the city of Baltimore as compared to other less restrictive states speaks for itself.

The moral of my testimony is that this bill is unconstitutional as already stated by the supreme court. If you want to stop the violence stop letting the criminals off on pbj, or out of jail for violent crimes. For instance in Wicomico County this year a Wicomico County Sheriff was shot and killed by someone that robbed a store in Baltimore who had previously received pbj for the crime by a Baltimore court system. This would have been prevented if he was in jail for his violent crime. Honest people do everything by the letter of the law and taking away or limiting their rights will do nothing to curb violent crime committed by non law abiding citizens.