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To whom it may concern:

My name is Meagan Benson. I am a small business owner in the state of Maryland but first and foremost and I am a wife and mother. As such, I greatly value my life and my right to protect it. I have been a firearms owner for nearly 20 years and have jumped every hurdle that Maryland has set forth to remain a law abiding gun owner. I possess a valid HQL, Maryland Wear and Carry, and I am a registered Collector. Maryland does not make it easy for law abiding citizens to exercise their constitution right to bear arms but with time and due diligence I have navigated the path because as I stated before, I greatly value my person safety and I understand that when seconds count, one must have the means to self rescue.

SB1 is a nightmare for Maryland citizens. It is a blatant attack on our constitutional rights. This bill does nothing to prevent crime. SB1 only further endangers innocent victims during a time where violent crime is so sharply on the rise. I urge Maryland law makers to deny the passing of this atrocity. Protect your innocent citizens and save yourself the embarrassment. The passing of SB1 only guarantees a lengthy court battle for violation of the Constitution.

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