

SB 762

I live in Anne Arundel Cty, hold a BS, MA, and am a combat veteran.

I oppose SB 762.

This is severely detrimental to all of Maryland especially because of the dangerous addition of the "MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, OR DISPENSING of a controlled substance." These are drug dealers not just the entrapped addicted individuals.

Look at what happened to crime rates, murders, children murdered, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers murdered and suffering due to drug overdoses.

Haven't enough black babies been murdered? I beg you to protect our diverse peoples of MD.

Recent research shows drugs are killing people of nonwhite skin colors and teens.

- Black Americans are more likely to die from fentanyl poisoning than any other racial demographic; although the total number of fentanyl deaths is highest among White people. The per capita rate of fentanyl deaths per 100,000 Black people reached 26.6 last year, compared to the 19.2 fentanyl deaths out of 100,000 White people.
- Fentanyl fatalities more than doubled in just two years, and more than tripled among Indigenous and Multiracial Americans. Since 2015, fentanyl deaths among Black and Indigenous communities increased 13x.
- Teen fentanyl deaths more than tripled since 2019, and increased more than five-fold among Black teens. Fentanyl is the number one cause of death among Multiracial and White Americans ages 18 to 45, and is the number two cause of death among Black and Indigenous Americans ages 18 to 45, surpassed only by homicide and liver disease respectively.

Why are people fleeing CA and Illinois, because they are fed up with crime. Keep MD safe by arresting and prosecuting criminals.