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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0001 Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying or Transportation Firearms Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously opposes SB 0001 Criminal law – Wearing, Carrying or Transportation Firearms Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023).   The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on February 7, 2023.

It is our understanding that this legislation provides that a person may not wear, carry or transport a firearm onto the real property of another unless given express permission. It also bans such possession within 100 feet of a place of accommodation, which would include as per the Maryland Code, retail establishments, inns, hotels and motels, restaurants, or theaters or other places the offers goods, services, entertainment, recreation or transportation.

Cecil County strongly opposes any bill the removes the right for any law-abiding member of the public to provide for self-defense. The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution expressly grants this right to all citizens of the United States and any legislation that impinges upon this right and attempts to criminalize our law-abiding citizenry needs to be defeated.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send an unfavorable report on SB 0001.

Sincerely,

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