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SB001 - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms- Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)

Unfavorable

2/6/2023

In April 2018, under threat of imminent harm, I legally purchased a firearm and applied for my wear carry permit. After my interview with Maryland State Police and providing over 100 printed pages of evidence of threats of violence against me, I was granted my permit without restrictions. Since that time, I have maintained my permit and my right to wear and carry in Maryland.

Though the man who stalked me was convicted and sentenced to three years, he spent only one day in jail and was off probation after two years. Not a day goes by that I can cease to be vigilant against this threat. The man lives just 15 minutes from my home. That means everywhere I go in my daily routines, I could be confronted by him again. This possibility or likelihood is a specter I live with.

Bill SB001 is not only a restriction of my freedom, but a detriment to my personal safety. This bill would effectively strip me of my right to carry in self defense, criminalizing me nearly everywhere I go. SB001 would force me to choose between my life and the everyday freedoms I enjoy—simple things like antique shopping in Ellicott City, visiting galleries, or even food shopping. SB001 has the power to render me and those like me defenseless and stripped of both rights and freedoms.

For these reasons, I urge you to take an unfavorable stance against SB001.

Sincerely,

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

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