

I can't understand how anyone would think that a legal gun owning/carrying citizen shouldn't be allowed to carry on or in any county, state property or anywhere in the country for that matter. The reason a citizen legally carries a firearm is to protect themselves and the innocent people around them. I'm sure that a high percentage of shootings in Md are done with illegal firearms, not a legal owning/carrying citizen. Also, the politicians believe that for their safety they should be able to have security carry and protect them, but citizens can't. This just seems like another case of our government thinking that they are above the citizens they are elected into office to represent. Criminals will always have access to what they need to commit crimes, law abiding citizens should have the same opportunity to protect themselves, families and other

innocent people around them. I pray that I will never have to pull my firearm in any situation, but I feel better knowing that I have it in case. I think we should better equip our citizens with training and information rather than take rights away because it makes someone uncomfortable. As in everything that we do, the more we learn and understand, the better we are at whatever that task may be. If criminals knew that many citizens are trained and armed, maybe they would think twice before attempting a criminal activity. Prime example is the recent shooting that happened right by the Charles County Sheriff's Office in Laplata, could of been worse, but could of been avoided if the criminal had any respect for law/people around them. Make it harder on those that break the law. Things don't seem to be getting better in our area, so maybe a new

tactic should be used. It's not easy to obtain an HQL to purchase a regulated firearm or a wear and carry permit, but those willing to go through the process should be trusted citizens. Thank you for your time, God Bless