

Dear Senators of the State of Maryland,

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I am writing you to voice my strong opposition to SB0001.

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As a Maryland resident for all of my 55 years, a resident of Perry Hall for 20 years and a Maryland wear and carry permit holder, it is clear that SB0001 is an affront and violation of my civil rights and the civil rights of all who would be affected by it.

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This misguided attempt to protect the public will not have the intended outcome, could even exacerbate the problem by making the law abiding more helpless while not affecting the criminal element (because they don't obey laws, by definition), on top of destroying the freedom and violating the rights of the public the government has been elected to serve.

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SB0001 is in direct disagreement with the United States Supreme Court's decision in NYSRPA v. Bruen, with the opinion of the majority even warning that bills like SB0001 are clearly not in compliance. SB0001 is a back-door way of making the carrying of a firearm illegal almost everywhere in Maryland. It is absurd on its face that carry permits would be issued and then the right to carry prohibited almost everywhere one could or may need to carry.

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SB0001 is clearly not aimed at the criminal element, who do not apply for carry permits or subject themselves to fingerprinting and background checks, because carrying a firearm without a permit is already against the law! The clear purpose of SB0001 is to prohibit the law-abiding citizen, who has gone to great lengths to satisfy the State's requirements to obtain a wear and carry permit, from responsibly carrying a firearm for his or her defense! Carry permit holders are among the most law abiding and upstanding members of the public. Carry permit holders, who pass extensive background checks and undergo training on the law and proper use of a firearm (both on a regular basis), are responsible for almost none of the gun crime, both in Maryland and nationwide.

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SB0001 is a solution looking for a problem it will not find at the expense of violating the rights of the citizens of Maryland.

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Thank you for your service and consideration,

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