

# Worcester County Sheriff's Office

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Chair William Smith  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Md. 21401

Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Md. 21401

Dear Chair Smith and Vice Chair Waldstreicher,

As you are aware, there are numerous gun laws that have already been enacted in legislation. These laws protect our community from individuals who are banned from carrying firearms, to individuals who use firearms for felonious purposes. These laws need to continue to be enforced and hold those violators accountable for their egregious actions. We cannot penalize law-abiding residents with laws that encroach on their constitutional rights.

As the Sheriff of Worcester County, I am the only law enforcement officer elected by the residents of Worcester County and I am directly accountable to them. I am privileged to be able to defend our United States Constitution. I hold my honor in the highest regard, in protecting the rights of my Worcester County residents. The second amendment is an inalienable right afforded to our law abiding residents of the United States of America.

My office stands upon our record of working closely with our States Attorney to convict people that commit crimes with firearms, and we will continue to safeguard our communities by holding those offenders accountable.

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I implore you to support the laws that have already been enacted into legislation, that hold violent firearm offenders accountable for their crimes. Please, do not penalize our law abiding residents, who have a constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms. Senate Bill 0001 (Gun safety Act of 2023), in my opinion, is an encroachment on the rights of our law abiding residents and respectfully request this bill to not be passed into legislation.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
Matt Crisafulli

Sheriff of Worcester County, Maryland.

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