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SUBG: Opposition to SB 001, Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)

Since the Bruen decision Maryland Democrats have been fear mongering about the surge of violence about to descend on Maryland. This surge is occurring and has been occurring despite every gun restriction law you have passed against the law abiding citizens.

Case in point, last summer an accidental discharge occurred at Arundel Mills Mall. Within hours Democratic County Executive blamed the recent SCOTUS decision for the event. This was done before any facts were discovered and was meant to spread fear. Eventually, County Executive Pittman's police force determined caught the individual who did not have a carry permit. But the hysteria had already begun.

Despite passing extreme gun control in SB281 some years back, despite passing more and more nuisance laws against lawful gun owners "gun violence" has increased every year. This too will most likely pass given your legislative majority and despite this the violence will continue. This only impacts legal and lawful gun owners.

Never waste an opportunity. There is NO data on what is going to happen in MD due to recent SCOTUS decision and this is simply a partisan solution looking for a problem while take advantage of a political opportunity. Even the esteemed JHU expert admitted under questioning that this...

California has had several "mass shootings" despite being the most gun restrictive state. These shootings, which sadly is every weekend in Baltimore City, are not stopping with restrictions on law abiding citizens. Additionally, several judges, including a President Biden appointed Judge have ruled this law unconstitutional. Passing this law will simply waste time and state funds defending a law that has already fallen in several other states.

There is another issue no one is addressing in this discussion. That is the fact that many of us have had carry permits prior to this decision through YOUR previous tyrannical "may carry" system that YOU built based. We managed to articulate real reasons based on actual threats and concern. What about us? Now we have to ask permission from everyone else if we can protect ourselves.

This is where this law is truly cowardly and brilliant. The "brave" legislators of this state behind their privilege and state security apparatus will make it the responsibility of the citizens of this state to enforce this law. This law is designed to make people ask fellow citizens for the permission to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms. This is both sad and deplorable when government does this.

Lastly, when you pass this law, I expect that you will tear down the metal detectors in your legislative buildings and other search tools you use to protect these chambers and facilities. IF you actually believe this law is valid AND WILL WORK then you have no need for these protections. These protections, if left up invalidate your belief in your laws and this specific law. If laws work then there is no need for anything BUT the law. If you do not believe in your laws then neither should we. Let that sink in. That is where your constant assaults on freedom are leading us. Your decisions, like ours have consequences.

It is obvious you neither care about your laws or believe in them. Truthfully, why should you? They have not worked once as you predicted and planned for them too. The only people here today are law abiding carry permit holders. The second amendment literally exists because of you and your government. It exists to protect us from you. We are now going to have to make hard decisions based on what you do. If you think most of these people are going to ask permission of strangers and friends or stores if they can carry you are sadly mistaken.

Consider these words from the Declaration of Independence. This is the argument for the Constitution and the reason for it and the amendments. *“But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”*

Don't vote in ignorance or by political ideology, but vote for freedom, vote per your oath to uphold the Constitution. Provide us the opportunity to believe in you again and to partner with you for finding real solutions. Stop doing the same thing and let's look for real solutions.

I will be praying to the One whom all rights come from, including self-defense, for wisdom and discernment for you during this time. I hope you, like me, will lean on His wisdom.

Please oppose SB 0001.

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