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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 1 and to urge you to reject this legislation. This bill would effectively make the Maryland Wear and Carry Permit obsolete.

I have been a responsible and law-abiding gun owner for 20 years. I take gun ownership and safety very seriously. I have spent countless hours training on firearm operation/safety, Maryland self-defense law, and, most importantly, how to de-escalate situations so as to NOT use a firearm. It is my sincere hope that I would never have to use my firearm for self-defense or to defend my family, but I respect the right to carry a firearm for these purposes.

I am a healthcare professional and business owner in Maryland. I have a 2-month-old son and am active in the community. I do not live in fear, however, I am well aware of the violent crime statistics throughout the various counties and cities. Criminals do not respect the law. Criminals don't spend the time to study self-defense law and firearms safety. Criminals do not apply for a wear-and-carry permit, they would carry a firearm regardless. If passed, this bill would weaken law-abiding citizens' ability to defend themselves against criminals.

Please respect the training and testing required to obtain a wear-and-carry permit in Maryland and reject Senate Bill 1.

Sincerely,

Joshua Anderson