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To: Maryland General Assembly

Subject: SB0086 Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirement (Raise the Age Act of 2023)

SBO086 is simply unconstitutional and discriminatory on the bases of age, and inconsistent with federal law. The imminent litigation this bill will bring at the cost of taxpayers, will not withstand the Court scrutiny of two questions: “one, does the Second Amendment’s plain text cover the challenged provision? And two, does historical evidence support the restriction?”.

Does the Second Amendment’s plain text cover the challenged provision? 2A “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” to enact this bill removing constitutional protected right from citizens is unconstitutional. This is reaffirmed by MD general provisions 1-401 that provided 18-year-old adults the same legal capacity, rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities, and responsibilities that an individual at least 21 years old had before July 1, 1973.

Does historical evidence support the restriction? The Gun Control Act of 1968 established a national baseline 18 for long guns and 21 for handguns; has continued to remain in effect and has not been affected by MD general provisions 1-401. Through our history During the Revolutionary War The official enlistment age for the Continental Army was 16, (15 with parental consent). Children over the age of 7 under MD statue of law can be charged as adults. MD Wear and Carry Permits are issued to any adult (18 years of age or over). Clearly historical evidence shows that SBO086 cannot meet this historical evidence test to support a restriction.

Respectfully request you vacate this bill and protect our citizen’s rights.

Sincerely,

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