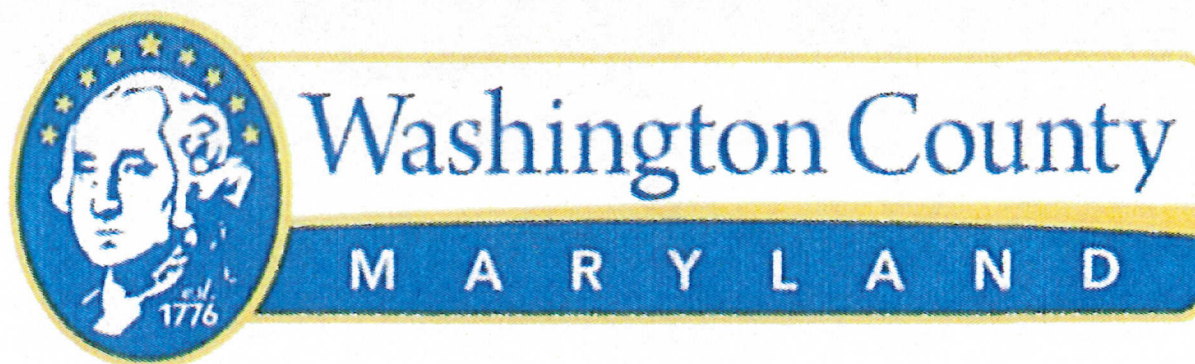


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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

February 3, 2023

Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 1: Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms-Restrictions:
OPPOSED

Dear Senator Smith:

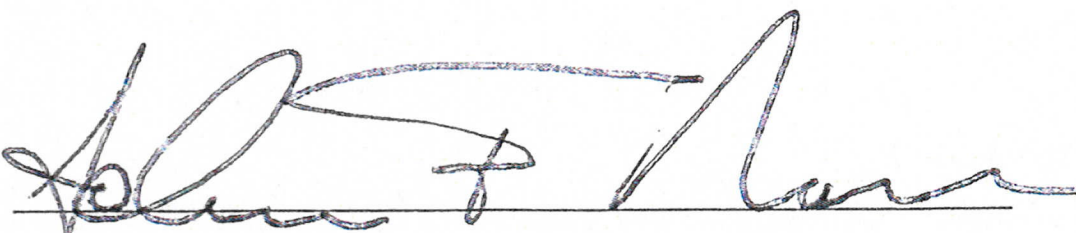
The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County unanimously opposes SB 0001, prohibiting the wear, carry, or transport of a firearm onto real property of another without certain permission to the person or general public; and prohibiting the wear, carry, or transport of a firearm within 100 feet of a place of public accommodation.

It is the belief of this Board that SB 1 not only runs afoul of the United States Supreme Court Decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, but more egregiously desecrates the right of citizens to keep and bear arms as enshrined in the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights, a right deeply rooted in the traditions and history of the United States. Moreover, the policy rationale advanced by proponents of SB 1 lack foundation in fact or historical experience. This bill is unnecessary, unwise, and unconstitutional.

For these reasons, the Board strongly opposes SB 1. Please reject it.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
John F. Barr, President

cc (via email): Senator Paul D. Corderman
Senator Mike McKay