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I am a law abiding citizen concerned about the increase in violent crime and protecting myself and my family. Senate Bill 1 is in violation of our constitutional rights and is intended to undermine the Bruen decision by the Supreme in 2022 which upholds said constitutional rights. Criminals, by definition, will not obey this or any other law regarding guns. So this bill and ones like it, if made law, will only serve to give advantage to those intending on breaking the law, even if it means inflicting bodily harm or death upon their victims. Only law abiding citizens would be affected by this law.

Under this bill, it is difficult to see how a law-abiding gun owner could take a firearm to the range to practice or to a gun shop for maintenance with confidence that he/she would not unintentionally break this unreasonable law. How can one be sure that while transporting the firearm in a car, you don't drive past a "place of gathering" within 100 ft just driving? Or perhaps just walking into a gun shop for maintenance you pass within 100 feet of another business considered a "place of gathering". This makes no sense. YOU want gun owners to stay current with their skills in handling their firearms and you want them to be well maintained. Bills like this show that elected officials are either ignorant and do not think things through before drawing up bills and passing laws, or they are intentionally trying to manipulate the legal system by circumventing Maryland's Concealed Wear and Carry permit and our second amendment rights. It's dirty. It's underhanded and its obvious that the motive is not to protect Maryland citizens.

I would ask how many cases have been documented in 2022 where an individual with a concealed wear and carry permit committed a crime with a firearm? We all know how many criminals did so, breaking all manner of crimes already on the books. We do not need more gun laws to protect us. What we need is for prosecutors to enforce the laws already on the books instead of letting violent criminals back on the streets.

If this bill becomes law, many law-abiding citizens, good people of Maryland, will remember this when considering how to campaign and vote during our next election.

Sincerely,

Antony Stauffer