

SB001 Opposition

To Whom It May Concern:

The Second Amendment allows U.S. Citizens the right to keep and bear arms. This bill, which prohibits those from legally carrying within 100 feet of any public accommodation violates the Second Amendment. Maryland has some of the most strict gun laws in the nation, yet Baltimore City alone has been found to have the second highest rate of gun related deaths (BackgroundChecks.org). Common sense should prevail in this matter and should lead to questions as to why we have a city with a high rate of gun violence when we also have some of the most strict gun laws in the nation? Another question that should also be asked is why is this more strict and unconstitutional bill being proposed when it is apparent that those who are committing the crimes are violating existing laws? What makes you believe that this bill will prevent more gun violence as the criminals with illegal guns don't adhere to the existing gun laws in this state?

In closing, I'd also like to add, that as a woman, the greatest empowerment that I can have is self defense. You are violating my Constitutional right to protection.

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