

SB001 opposed (UNF)

Maryland Legislators,

“A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The second amendment of the U.S. Constitution clearly states “the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” SB001 goes against the exact wording of the second amendment and infringes on the law-abiding citizens of Maryland. Not only does SB001 violate the second amendment it also eliminates the ability of self-defense. District of Columbia vs. Heller has already affirmed the second amendment not only established the right to bear arms, but also for self-defense.

Maryland is the 18th most dangerous state in North America. One of the most dangerous cities in the entire country is Baltimore City, MD. Police forces are short staffed, over worked, and under paid. Police cannot be everywhere at every moment. We all hear about the drug addict robbing stores, car jackings, sexual assaults, mass shootings... Who stops a mass shooter? A good guy with a gun. That “good guy” may be a law-abiding citizen with a CCW. How many people with a CCW illegally used a gun to commit a crime? None. If people with a CCW aren’t using guns illegally why is this bill being proposed? What even caused this gun control measure to be discussed? Maryland citizens should not have to fear for their lives because they can no longer defend themselves against criminals. Vote no to SB001.

SB001 will take away the legal rights of law-abiding citizens. Criminals will always have guns. The issue at hand isn’t law-abiding citizens protecting themselves and others from harm. The problem is the criminals that don’t follow the law. If you want to decrease gun violence and not be the 18th most dangerous state the focus needs to be on

enforcement of the laws already in place. Stop letting repeat offenders off the hook. If you want to stop mass shootings let law-abiding citizens carry guns. Oppose SB001.

The MSP central records division does not contain crime statistics past 2020. I live in Worcester County. Rape has doubled from 2015 to 2020, robbery has increased, and aggravated assault has significantly increased. If you are a woman, it is scary to leave the house. My own child is fearful to go out after dark. I am a law-abiding citizen with a CCW. I take my 9mm everywhere I am legally allowed as I will protect my family and myself as is my God given right to do so. When leaving the house, I always tell my children not to worry because mom has her gun. I am setting an example to not leave in fear. You taking away the ability to carry protection only instills fear in Marylanders and allows crime and evil to prevail. Banning citizens of freely carrying firearms only causes crime to increase. Look at Chicago. Look at Washington D.C. Oppose SB001.

The founding fathers specifically wrote the second amendment to protect the citizens from government. As the government, you have a heavy burden to prove justification for attempting to take away God given rights stated in the U.S. constitution. That case has yet to be proven. We all know if you lose the second amendment you lose the first amendment. Stop infringing on our rights. Oppose SB001.

Thank you for your time.

Gratefully,

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