

Senate Bill 0001
Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting
Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)
OPPOSE

Mr. Chairman and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I have thoroughly read the proposed bill.

Let us review a history of the most recent failed attempt on gun control.

Be reminded that FSA2013 did nothing to penalize criminals, it only made it more difficult for law abiding citizens to purchase a firearm.

Effects of FSA2013 Enacted Oct 1st, 2013

Year	2013*	2014*	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Firearms Homicides	309	290	442	402	441	452	514	529

Data taken from <https://mdsp.maryland.gov>

* Breakdown by weapon used not provided, however 2016-2020 78%-82% homicides were by firearm. Multiplied the total homicides by 0.80 to provide numbers for 2013-2015.

309 Firearm Homicides in 2013 to 529 Firearm Homicides in 2020 is a 71% increase.

Similar to FSA2013, SB0001 will be doing nothing to prevent a criminal from illegally carrying a firearm in a “safe” zone, but will prevent a Handgun Carry Permit holder from protecting him or herself in a “safe” zone, while providing the increased opportunity for theft of firearms from vehicles.

I OPPOSE SB0001. Vote **UNFAVORABLE** to this proposed bill.

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