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SB 1

Unfavorable

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I am a UMBC student and a concerned constituent of District 44B with responsible firearms experience/training. As an upcoming carry permit recipient, my right to carry was suppressed up until the Bruen decision, and now it will be further suppressed by this bill. I urge an unfavorable report for Senate Bill 1 for this reason.

This bill will restrict my day-to-day activities and force me to be defenseless while doing so. Many of the restrictions are onerous, but of those, the restriction on facilities that sell alcohol will be particularly damaging. I frequently visit Towson and Parkville at social gatherings often in bars – and not with the purpose of drinking liquor. That alone would likely force me to store my firearm in a locked car where it could be stolen – the #1 cause of firearm theft in Maryland, as mentioned by Senator Smith here: <https://twitter.com/Willsmithjr/status/1639947524629774336?t=QpCiON3cMoTTeVJxXTxmPg&s=19>

Post-Bruen, Marylanders be able to safely apply for a Maryland carry permit without fear of being denied due to [Police Discretion](#). Marylanders are all too familiar with how Police are unfair arbiters when it comes to [administering laws](#) due to Bias in [race, color, age, sex, gender, nationality, disability, and religion](#). Regardless of the MGA's stance on the Bruen decision, it cannot be denied that Bruen has fixed a much-broken part of our legal system depending solely on the same law enforcement that MD lawmakers are already [trying desperately to reform](#). Please do not let this opportunity of equality go to waste by passing this bill into law; SB001 restricts the freedoms of Marylanders who need their right to self-defense the most.

For these reasons I urge an unfavorable report of Senate Bill 001.



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