

2023 Maryland General Assembly

AGAINST

HB 974 / SB 0921

Public Safety - Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program - Establishment

Establishing the Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program within the Victim Services Unit of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to provide certain victims of gun violence certain services and assistance related to relocating for the safety of the victim or the victim's family; establishing the Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Victim Services Unit to establish a certain oversight commission; etc.

Dear Sponsors of this legislation:

Unless and until you can define "certain victims," I will be VOTING AGAINST these bills.

I was a victim of threats and abuse by my ex husband for over 26 years, who found it entertaining to point a shot gun at me when he was trying to get me to perform certain acts. Does that qualify as "certain victims" under this proposed legislation. I had no witnesses. I was a victim of spousal abuse. Finally got away from him and hid out for 4 days in a hotel and informed 911 of the situation. But, it didn't end there. I now suffer from PTSD after 15 years of therapy and on anti-depresant for the remainder of my life. It was one of those situations you read about in the morning paper of an individual in a position of importance and his wife, who found it impossible to find anyone who would listen.

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