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In regards to proposed SB0001 Criminal Law - REVISED - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023) I am a resident of the District 31. I have been listening in to the hearings in regard to SB0001 and following the addendums. I am appalled at what the majority of this legislature is doing to safety of its residents and yet again imposing restrictions on law-abiding citizens and refusing to address the crux of the problem which is criminal behavior, its origins and upholding existing laws and consequences for breaking those laws.

I think our goals are the same, to save lives, be safe and to never lose a friend, loved one or neighbor to gun violence. SB0001 does NOTHING to address this. In fact it continues to say to the criminal population; "here are the places where people will be more vulnerable to crime and easier targets for hatred, abuse and assault. It also does nothing to stop illegal guns from crossing into Maryland. It does NOTHING to stop the murder of innocents and it does absolutely NOTHING to reduce risk of suicide and crime in any population by limiting, severely, the locations in which a law-abiding and trained firearms wear and carry permit holder may practice their right to carry. What it does do is reduce the income to places that are now restricted, without their input because permit holders may chose NOT to go where they no longer feel they can protect their own safety and are at greater risk of being victimized because of this law. Criminals do not follow the law but you can believe they know the law and will know the locations where their intended victims will be the most vulnerable.

The writers of this bill say they want to reduce gun violence and to "feel safe." So do I. Have you ever considered education? How about allowing access to education on safety around guns to reduce the risk of injury and provide education to legal gun owners on how to safely keep and store firearms out of the reach of those whom should not have access. Instead of mandating flyers about suicide prevention at gun shops, how about providing gun safety information as online and easily accessible, which by the way is already included if HQL and Wear and Carry Permit courses.

The current laws already make legally owning and being competent with a firearm cost prohibitive for many individuals, particularly women which by the way is the largest growing segment of gun training and purchase in the State of Maryland. SB0001 is a further discriminatory attack against all Maryland women, children and elderly of all colors and ethnicities and opening them up for all sorts of physical

and mental injury and attack from people who don't care about your intention with this law and its addendums.

Please remember what this law does has unintended consequences for the business you are identifying as law-abiding firearms owners can take their financial resources out of State to surrounding States and counties to eat and shop in places they feel safe.

I ask you to vote UNFAVORABLE to SB0001 for the safety of your citizens.