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Senators:

I do not want to carry a gun to protect myself and my daughter, but I have to. I have had several instances where I have been approached by “questionable and hostile” men, and felt helpless. Thanks to a divorce and custody battle, my home address is published publicly. I have also had several instances where online stalkers have found my home address this way. I have been calling an “effing c” in the parking lot going into the gym, and the latest “effing piece of sh!t” while walking into Target in Aberdeen. My parents live in Cecil County, and I avoid Elkton like the plague. The elected officials up there let criminals walk away, drug deals happen in broad day light, my parents’ business “suddenly” caught on fire in 2018. The world is a scary place, and I do not want my daughter and I to be another statistic. She and I are both under 5’5” and petite, and therefore easily able to be overpowered. It is my second amendment and God given right to protect her. You have done NOTHING to increase the mental health, drug, and crime crises that are raging in our state now and it is only getting worse. It is our right to arm ourselves! First responders and health professionals are quitting in record numbers, leaving us even more vulnerable. The other day parts of Cecil County were without paramedic coverage, and a month ago, I called 911 during a road rage incident and kept getting put on hold until the call dropped. No help ever arrived, no one ever called back, and we were scared to death! To take our LEGAL guns away is a sin, and you are telling us that our lives are not worth it.

I do not want to carry a gun, but you all have left us no choice.

Sincerely,

Meghan Parker