

At the age of 75, I can no longer outrun assailants nor fight them off when they catch me. Because I take blood thinners to prevent stroke, any significant injury that assailants inflict – with a hammer, skateboard, machete, or even punches and kicks – will almost certainly result in uncontrolled, fatal bleeding before anyone could do anything about it. A fighting chance is about all a legally carried firearm can give me.

For these reasons, I already avoid large portions of Maryland, even when carrying a firearm. SB 1 would make it too dangerous to go many places that I need to.

Violent, often drug affected criminals would have free rein and people like me would be defenseless under SB 1. That is not only bad policy, it is immoral. Please work with your colleagues to vigorously oppose it.