

MY OPPOSITION TO SB0001

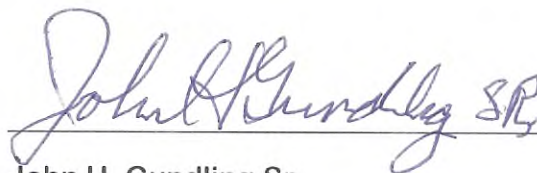
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My first objection to SB0001 is that the current system of law abiding citizens, fully vetted by the Maryland State Police, and put through at least 16 hours of deliberate, rigorous training, before they are accepted as wear and carry permit holders is Now called into question by the presumption this bill purports that these MSP certified citizens of Maryland represent a Clear and Present Danger to Public Safety in our beloved State. Where are the statistics that reflect this presumption of guilt before innocence?

Even more curious for me is what might this bill, if enacted be leading to? Well, I can look back on history and find a common practice in colonial America where the homes of political opponents were broken into under the rule of the despot of that time: King George. The use of general warrants and writs of assistance by the crown interfering with personal autonomy, freedom, and civil rights was not only pervasive but so universally despised that the founding fathers saw fit to ensure The US constitution expressly forbids such practices. The first ten amendments bear witness to that fact. Under this Senate bill such despicable practices, along with other abuses may return!

Wait a minute! Maybe they're already enacted. In today's terminology Extreme Risk Protection Orders, by expedited, Ex-Parte adjudication, known as "Red-Flag Laws" are currently promulgated law in Maryland. There have been at least three instances I'm aware of where Maryland citizens were killed in their homes whether they put up resistance to the weapons confiscation, or not.

I think this bill paves the way for the road to serfdom, subjugation, and abrogation of all inalienable constitutional rights citizens of Maryland currently have. Moreover, this bill sets up law abiding citizens as enemies of the state, to be disposed of in order to guarantee and enhance "public safety" at the jeopardy of the very Law Abiding Citizens it's supposed to protect!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Gundling Sr." with a horizontal line underneath.

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