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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Judiciary Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 0001 – Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms – Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)

Dear Delegates,

We oppose SB 0001 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This is a blatant attempt to undermine the 2nd Amendment right to carry a firearm that was upheld by the Supreme Court.

After this ruling, thousands of law-abiding Maryland citizens applied for and received their concealed carry permits. This activity reflects the desire of the people to be able to arm and defend themselves in the State of Maryland.

Imposing the restrictions this bill contains is a violation of their right to carry and therefore a violation of 2nd Amendment rights.

There are a number of areas this bill would restrict conceal carry, such as schools, health care facilities, etc. The advantage of a citizen that carries in these locations would be that if a threat by someone who wants to do harm occurs, the citizen would be there to potentially put a stop to the threat before police would be able to arrive on scene.

It is a shame that the narrative against guns has conditioned so many people to be afraid of them, when in reality they can and do keep the peace.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers