

335 Silky Oak Ct  
Linthicum Hts, MD 21090  
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Re: Opposition to House Bill 824 (Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Possession and Permits to Carry, Wear, and Transport a Handgun)

To: Delegates Clippinger, Bartlett, Cardin, Crutchfield, Embry, Pasteur, Phillips, Simmons, Simpson, Taylor, Toles, Williams, and Young

As a US military veteran and Maryland State resident, I **oppose** House Bill 824 (Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Possession and Permits to Carry, Wear, and Transport a Handgun).

Today, Maryland concealed carry firearm permit holder have invested time and money to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit. They are generally the ones who are concerned about abiding by the laws. The ccw permit holders have participated in obtaining a background investigation, fingerprint search, and firearms training. This bill is proposing to raise the requirements and costs for those who are law abiding citizens in order to obtain and maintain their permits.

I propose that research be conducted to determine the percentage of handgun violators who are Concealed Carry Permit holders versus those who are not.

I request the Committee take no further action and abandon House Bill 824.

Sincerely,

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