



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

**Testimony Opposing  
SB 585 Criminal Law - Exception to  
Armed Trespass Prohibition - Retired Law Enforcement Officials**

TO: Senator Will Smith, Jr. Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee  
FROM: Ken Shilling, Unitarian Universal Legislative Ministry of Maryland Gun Violence  
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DATE: February 12, 2025

TO: Senator Smith, and members of the Judicial Proceeding Committee

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Unitarian Universalists believe that the rights of private property owners with regard to entering a property with a firearm must be respected. Property owners should retain full control about whether or not anyone may bring a firearm onto their premises. No special exception should be made for retired law enforcement officials.

Existing law already includes tailored exceptions allowing retired law enforcement officials to carry firearms in certain sensitive places. SB 585 undermines the private property right by restricting owners's ability to set firearm policies.

We urge you to vote against Senate Bill 585. We don't believe that these provisions will strengthen public safety in Maryland.

We urge an unfavorable report.

Thank you

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