

Greetings, I am Yasmine Bryant, a Senior studying Sociology and Political Science at Morgan State University, where I also serve as Miss Morgan State University. I am here today not only as a mouthpiece for my institution, but on behalf of all of Maryland's historically black institutions, from the Eastern Shore to the West Side of Baltimore because we do indeed have a serious problem. For me personally, this story began on October 3rd, 2023, on the campus of Morgan State University, where on a night of celebration for the new Queen and King of the Institution, we students were met with the sound of five shots that sent the world into a standstill. At that moment I stood with my mother, and students from both Morgan and Bowie State University, and although many of us had heard gunshots before, they were nothing like *this*. Rapid fire filled the air, too quick for us to process that in our confusion, we were now **standing targets**. As the next round of shots came, and we ran desperately to avoid being shot. I'm not sure if you know, but it is hard to run from bullets in a formal gown and heels. Now what we thought was maybe a machine gun at the time, was a handgun, fashioned into a fully automatic weapon with the simple addition of one piece that can be printed in a 3-D printer.

This is a growing problem across the nation and our universities where a handgun is turned into a machine gun, in a matter of minutes, with the addition of a Glock Switch.

For demonstration purposes, with this pencil, *holds up pencil*, I could take out one. When I add on this eraser, *place eraser on pencil*, I could take out twenty. This piece is gaining nationwide attention in the younger generation, with tiktoks, jokes, and songs being made with the handgun and the switch itself. If you ever hear kids singing "he scared of this switch" on Tiktok, this is what they're talking about.

Now I am no expert on guns and I won't pretend to be, nor am I an opponent of the 2nd amendment and I will not pretend to be. But I am an opponent of attacks on innocent blood, which I believe you all should be as well. Furthermore, I am opposed to the accessibility of machine gun weapon-accessibility to children and teenagers who at a moment's notice can make their classmates the next victims of a mass shooting, and I believe you should be as well. While we agree on these certain issues, let's make one thing clear: the Glock company has known about this growing problem for decades, and has allowed it to grow, hiding behind a dollar sign. I believe we all can agree that when a dollar bill holds more value than human life, we face a tremendous problem. So today we ask you to value our lives more, to prohibit the sale of firearms that are easily manufactured into machineguns in the future. Help us remove this growing problem from our communities, so that no other student has to face being shot, with the use of 3-D printed glock switch. Thank you.