



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

**Testimony Opposing
HB 308- Criminal Law - Exception to
Armed Trespass Prohibition - Retired Law Enforcement Officials**

TO: Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair, and Members of the Judiciary 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 the owner'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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