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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Judiciary Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0916: Criminal Law - Weapon Crimes - Transporting Firearm in Checked Bag on Public Transportation

Dear Delegates,

We oppose and respectfully request that you vote unfavorably on this bill as it is an infringement of 2nd Amendment rights.

This is another example of the State taking away the freedom of our citizens. The majority of law abiding citizens with concealed carry permits are SMART ENOUGH to unchamber a round of ammunition when placing it in an enclosed bag for transportation.

These additional "safety" requirements are unnecessary and adds yet another burden of time, effort and financial cost on law abiding citizens who have the STATE's authority to transport and carry a concealed weapon.

These bills, that promote these policies, are harming us, not helping us, and all for an agenda that a small margin of Marylanders want. We question who is benefiting and how?

WHO IS BEHIND THESE BILLS? ARE THEY REQUESTS FROM MARYLAND CITIZENS? If not, then are they from outside lobbyists, special interest groups and federal agencies pushing the "anti-gun" agenda? THEY DON'T HAVE A STAKE IN OUR STATE, (except perhaps to line their own pockets) and should not be influencing Maryland legislators to promote bills that strip away personal power from residents.

We expect you to support the law-abiding citizens, PUT MARYLANDERS FIRST and vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers