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I am writing in opposition to HB 387 – Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act.

This bill is nothing short of targeted discrimination against a class of Maryland residents. There is no justification for a firearm excise tax other than to dissuade purchasers and make access to firearms unobtainable to most Maryland residents. Governor Moore's slogan for Maryland is "no one left behind", this bill would certainly leave many Marylanders behind. This would hurt not only firearm owners but also firearm dealers, most likely causing many to go out of business due to decreased sales. No other class of Maryland citizens are being attacked with an exorbitant excise tax. This bill in conjunction with HB 937 would if passed into law would raise the tax burden on firearm sales to 34%. Firearms are already burdened with an 11% excise tax for the Pittman Robinson Act. With HB 387 adding an additional 11% excise tax and the possibility of the sales tax doubling under HB 937 to 12%, this clearly shows the intent of this bill to marginalize a specific class of citizens in the state of Maryland.

I strongly oppose HB 387 and I encourage members of committee to vote unfavorably on HB 387 and not let it pass committee.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Knaggs', with a stylized, flowing script.

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