

**House Judiciary Committee
SB 334**

Senate Bill 334

Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

UNFAVORABLE

I write in opposition to SB 334 Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols. This bill apparently seeks to address the misuse of firearms but will impact only the law-abiding citizens of Maryland – not criminal behavior.

This bill is **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**. The Supreme Court held in Heller that the Second Amendment protects arms that are "in common use," and specifically, that handguns cannot be banned because they are in common use. A bill that bans common handguns, especially if it applies to Glocks, the most common handguns in the country, would certainly violate the Second Amendment under Heller.

State and federal law **already** prohibits machine guns and rapid-fire devices. SB 334 focuses on the design of an entire class of semiautomatic pistols and risks criminalizing common, lawfully possessed firearms. This bill does not target illegal conversions by the criminals who use them.

SB 334 is another ineffective gun control bill that will not reduce violent crime. This is just another effort by gun control activists to ban all firearms and is a total disregard of our constitutional rights.

I respectfully request an UNFAVORABLE report on SB 334.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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