



Mayor Jared Littmann

City of Annapolis
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February 8th, 2026

Chair Sandy Bartlett and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I write in strong support of House Bill 577, sponsored by Delegate Nicole A. Williams, which will help create a safer firearms market by strengthening design regulations for pistols, preventing them from being easily compatible with illegal auto sears that turn them into homemade machine guns.

As Mayor, public safety is one of my very top priorities. Thankfully, serious violent and property crimes dropped 7% in Annapolis last year, but even a single shooting is a tragedy. We should always stay ahead of the curve and be passing policies that enhance safety for our residents.

Prior to taking office, my team and I brought together two dozen safety professionals, community leaders, clergy, and citizens back in May for my Public Safety Forum to talk through key issues and solutions. One of the key points we heard from residents was a need to hold people accountable for illegal guns and gun trafficking. I strongly believe that this accountability must be expected both from people trafficking illegal guns, and from the gun industry if their business practices enable traffickers and people committing violent crimes.

No gun company should be manufacturing and selling pistols into Maryland that can be quickly and easily turned into machine guns by people who want to put our community in danger. This common-sense legislation will ensure there are less easily convertible pistols being sold to Marylanders, while still preserving law-abiding people's right to purchase and use firearms for self defense.

I respectfully urge you to pass this bill into law, and I'm appreciative of your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Littmann". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jared Littmann
Mayor, City of Annapolis