

Support for HB197: Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act

I strongly support this bill which imposes an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition in the State and sales of firearms to residents of the State. Furthermore, it requires the Comptroller to distribute a portion of the tax revenues to the Maryland Violence Intervention Program, the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention, the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership, the Survivors of Homicide Victims Program, the Trauma Physician Services Fund, and the Cowley Shock Trauma Center; etc. These are all important steps forward and helps to reduce the deadly consequences of gun violence.