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*Re: "Untraceable Firearms"*

[HB910](#) and [SB958](#)

I oppose these bills because I would like to spend some time building my own firearms when I cut back my business to semi-retirement. This has been a legal activity for a long time.

*"Assault Long Guns and Copycat Weapons"*

[HB1261](#)

I oppose this bill. I've been interested in purchasing an AR-15 at some point. Now you want to tax them to oblivion? I've read that more murders are committed with hammers than with rifles. Why do you need this? What's next?

*"Licensed Firearms Dealers (Firearms Dealers' Safety Act)"*

[HB1257](#)

I oppose this bill on principle, although it does not affect me directly. If you want to do this, apply these standards to all businesses. It's unfair to single out licensed firearms dealers.

*"Access to Firearms - Storage Requirements"*

[HB636](#) and [SB646](#)

I view these bills with great trepidation and oppose them. I have no minors in my home, but I have a developmentally disabled daughter who lives at home. All guns are locked, either in a gun safe or with an internal gun lock. Any determined person "could" possibly overcome these security measures. My daughter knows better than to attempt to defeat the codes on the safes. A burglar is likely to give up before he can break the codes. Why should I be legally at risk for what "might" happen?

*"Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport - Required Courses"*

[SB422](#)

I oppose this bill. I have taken many firearms courses, including ones which deal with "the competent handling of a firearm" and with "situational awareness". To obtain a Wear and Carry Permit in Maryland, which is recognized as constitutionally guaranteed in many states, I now need to sit through the same two courses every year? Training is good, but this is ridiculous. Carry permit holders commit crimes at a lower rate nationwide than police. Why should the most responsible subgroup in America be treated as if they were mindless?