

Lindsey Frear
SB816
Opposed

Good afternoon. My name is Lindsey Frear and I oppose this bill. Last year, I came with my father to testify against another bill that tried to restrict guns. My father is a gunsmith who is a law abiding citizen just like all of his customers. If this goes into action, me, my parents, and my two younger siblings will have to leave the state I was born and raised in. All of my father's customers could drive a few hours to Pennsylvania or West Virginia where they wouldn't have to deal with this because why would they want to be spied upon? My father wouldn't be able to continue his gunsmithing in Maryland.

Another factor against this bill is that it goes against the fourth and fifth amendments. The fourth amendment states that there may be no unreasonable searches and seizures. Putting a camera in a gunsmith's shop and sifting through the videos is unreasonable and the customer has to testify against themselves which brings the fifth amendment into it. It would be a mess to deal with every time and my father could and would be dragged into a bunch of legal proceedings even if a customer were falsely accused, and clearly someone wanting their gun fixed doesn't want to go through putting themselves at risk of being unfairly targeted.

George Washington said, "A free people ought not only be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might abuse them, which would include their own government." You try to pass these bills on me, my family, and countless other innocent people who just want to bear a firearm without all of these burdens. You are chasing us out. In school, we are taught not to bully our fellow classmates so I ask you now, not to bully your fellow citizens with these useless laws that will damage our state and drive us from the land I was born.

I respectfully request an unfavorable report.