

Testimony on behalf of Jeffrey S. Folk

IN OPPOSITION TO:

**SB958 – Criminal Law – Firearms – Untraceable Firearms**

Judicial Proceedings

March 3, 2020

I am a citizen of rural Western Maryland, a loving husband and caring father of two. I am writing today in OPPOSITION of SB958.

When our country was founded and an uprising against tyranny was starting, weapons were forged by fire. In many instances, the founders themselves forged their own weapons. Just because technology has changed, does not mean the protections under The Second Amendment are any less meaningful and broad in their meaning of “Shall Not Be Infringed”. Throughout our country’s history, its citizens have built their firearms by different methods and from different materials.

With the proximity of an hour’s drive to 4 states and the District of Columbia, this bill will do nothing to deter a citizen from legally purchasing, the parts and components to legally manufacture a firearm at home. You will only be criminalizing someone who has been a lawful citizen prior to you putting pen to paper. Criminals aren’t in their garages, spending hours completing an 80% lower and then building a firearm to their custom law-abiding needs. Nor are criminals spending thousands of dollars for 3D printers and the material to print a homemade 3D firearm.

Please focus your time, energy and effort to punish true criminals who break the law and wish to cause others harm. Do not punish law-abiding citizens who are not criminals, but who choose to exercise their Second Amendment Rights as guaranteed by the US Constitution, to NOT BE INFRINGED.

It is for these reasons that I am in opposition of SB958 and ask that the committee return an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folk