

Hello delegates. My name is Joshua Michael, I am a Germantown, Maryland resident, competitive sport shooter, college student, and registered Democrat. I am testifying today in opposition to HB-4 because I believe it puts an unnecessary financial burden on gun owners. The predecessor to this bill HB-786 would have imposed hundreds of dollars of fees and redundant training and fingerprinting before being able to purchase a gun. While HB-4 is definitely an improvement it still retains some of the unnecessary hidden fees present in HB-786.

When transferring guns at a gun store, the store will charge a transfer fee. The gun stores in my area charge \$40-\$50 per gun transferred and as the Spring Semester approaches, I am reminded of how far that money can go as I pay for my classes, books, and school supplies. Every little bit counts and I try to be as frugal as possible. Perhaps by opening up the background check system Maryland State Police uses to the public, these unnecessary hidden fees could be avoided.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to issue an unfavorable report on HB-4 to insure that the rights afforded to us under the Constitution are not only afforded to the wealthy and privileged. Thank you for your time.