

Written Testimony of Jesse Ferguson, resident of Caroline County, Maryland, in Opposition to HB1257

I am a hard-working husband, father of two young girls, and a native of Maryland's Eastern Shore. I am an avid hunter, firearms collector, and participant in all manners of competition involving shooting and firearms.

On the Eastern Shore I am fortunate to have a number of firearms dealers available to me. Most of these dealers are small shops so it's easy to become acquainted with the owners. As I mentioned, the shops are small so there are rarely employees beyond the owners, which are usually families.

Please explain to me how a small, family run shop is supposed to meet the requirements proposed in HB1257? Please explain to me how the requirements in HB1257, which have not been adopted anywhere, are to be laid at the feet of small shops in Maryland?

This bill places an undue financial burden on firearms dealers.

This bill would destroy small businesses in the state of Maryland.

This bill violates Maryland's current wiretap restrictions.

This bill is another attempt to shift the burden and blame from violent criminals to law-abiding businesses and subsequently law-abiding gun owners.

Obviously, I am opposed to HB0910 and urge an unfavorable report from the committee.

Sincerely,

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