

Testimony

OPPOSE HB1257

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Hello and Thank you to the committee for allowing me to speak, my name is Ken Motter, I am a Law Abiding Federally licensed firearms dealer from Marylands Eastern Shore. I am here in strong opposition to HB1257. This bill would have a severe negative financial impact to my already compliant business. It would cost us thousands of dollars to purchase theft proof display cases, software and two million dollars worth of insurance to cover the actions of someone else for years to come. This will render us profitless and put us out of business.

Much of the information you are seeking to obtain already exists and is maintained on site through the Acquisition and Disposition ledger which is required by Federal law. The sellers and purchasers names and addresses are required as well as serial

numbers, make, model and caliber of the firearms. As a responsible member of our community we already protect our investment and the public with cameras, locks, safes, vaults and security systems etc. to meet our needs as well as our neighbors. Now the state wants to ease drop, spy and record every customer and their transactions. Thats not ok with me or the 4th and 5th amendment. Sadly our store being so close to Delaware many of our customers will cross state lines to purchase their long guns to prevent being an unwilling participant of the states spying or possibly underhanded gun registry. Let alone the fact that our customers will not be able to examine or inspect the firearm because you would require them to be locked. Just a hop skip and a jump away our customer can go to Delaware and handle the firearms any safe way they please. The state needs to be focused on the criminals and passing mandatory minimums on violent offenders. Not the folks that have already obtained one of the highest civilian security clearances in order to become a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer.

Thank you