

Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My Testimony is in Opposition to SB624/HB638.

These bills are unnecessary and do nothing to create public safety. These bills are in some cases redundant to existing federal law, and attempt to make a non-firearm object into a regulated firearm. This will leave the judgement of what objects are firearms upto arbitrary interpretation. Further restricting the manufacture of these non firearms just targets people who are Law-Abiding hobbyists, not the criminals you're hoping to target. It's more expensive, time consuming and requires specialised tools to make your own firearms.

In the case of "undetectable firearms" these are already illegal to sell, import or manufacture. Making them more illegal by creating a state law in Maryland does nothing and is moreover a waste of public resources.

Non-Firearm objects are just that, anything. The argument could be made that any object with enough time, energy and money could be made into a firearm. Restricting the sale and possession of these objects is to be frank, just impossible.

Adding the engraving mandate of serial numbers, make, model and caliber is in some cases just impossible to do because of physical space restrictions on some firearms.

This bill seems to cause far more problems than it resolves, By overburdening Law-Abiding creators, Maryland State Police, and FFL holders. The latter two may also face some liability issues at the federal level for the type of background checks this law mandates.

I respectfully ask that this bill receive an unfavorable report.

-Jeffrey Adamson