

February 25, 2021

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you this morning to urge you to oppose strongly oppose House Bill 638 (HB638). As a firearms owner and avid hunter, I find this bill to be an incredible invasion of privacy, red tape, and seemingly designed to entrap citizens into becoming criminals. The highly specific manner in which an individual must mark and handle a small piece of plastic or aluminum is fraught with difficulties in enforcing, to say nothing of the overreach in regulation.

Please show me the evidence that supposedly 'untraceable' firearms are used to commit crimes at a rate any higher than other weapons. Is the police force in Baltimore finding stacks of 'untraceable' home made firearms in drug raids, or rather illegally purchased common firearms.

Maryland needs fewer restrictions and laws, not more. If Maryland wishes to drive its most wealthy and creative tax payers out of the state, more policies like this are just the medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

David Benson

497 Winding Creek Court

Davidsonville MD 21035