

Representatives of the Maryland General Assembly,

I strongly urge an unfavorable report for HB638 - Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms. HB638 would personally impact me as a firearms enthusiast. The requirements to record model, caliber, full legal name, city, as permanent etchings onto each receiver would be beyond the scope of my experience, available time and pay-grade, and the information is of questionable value, especially considering any of those things could change on a whim, and it is simply an undue burden I could not fully comply with.

This bill would not prevent crime. I am not a criminal, yet this bill treats me like one, with stiff penalties for not complying. It does not consider that I already have a sizeable collection; if I already legally own 100 scary "assault" weapons, and I decide to build a single children's .22 plinker, how will fining me and putting me in jail make me or any of your constituents any safer? How is that fair, especially since criminals are not the ones making homemade firearms to begin with?

I cannot even begin to understand the requirements of this bill post January 1, 2022. This entire bill is far too unclear, to the point it seems on purpose to discourage me from exercising my rights. It is an entirely unnecessary cost that currently law-abiding gunowners will have to deal with. If the goal here is to make otherwise law-abiding gunowners into criminals, then I think the bill will succeed, and ultimately myself and most Marylanders will simply not be able or willing to obey this bill if written into law.

Additionally, I would like to add that my voice **did not get heard** as a Maryland citizen. I would like to think of myself as a person who is involved in local politics, and this year I have been unable to testify on a single bill. Your job as a public servant is to represent the public and hear their voices; setting specific dates and times a bill must be submitted in advance, during work hours, is horribly inconvenient and has silenced my voice. I urge you to prioritize the voices of your constituents and drop these requirements to testify.

Thank you,

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