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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you this morning to urge you to oppose strongly oppose House Bill 1291 (HB1291). As a firearms owner and avid hunter, I find this bill abhorrent in its principle. It proposes to ban the mere possession of a piece of plastic or aluminum.

This bill is an affront to the creativity, inventiveness, and ingenuity that has made America a great nation. Banning the ability to experiment in one's own home with the creation of an *object* speaks to new levels of Orwellian control. What books will be banned next?

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.

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,

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