

Hon. Delegate Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
Room 101 House Office Building
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HB 638 Public Safety - Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms - OPPOSE

I oppose this bill for the following reasons

The definition of an unfinished firearm receiver could literally be a block of aluminum, or other metal. Firearm manufacturer begin with a block of metal, and then create a receiver by machining, milling, etc. This bill's definition is flawed and overly broad in the definition, and it should receive an unfavorable report.

Homemade Guns Are Rarely Used In Crime And Existing Owners Are Law-Abiding Hobbyists, Not Criminals. The complexity of the process requiring all the special tools to manufacture limits homemade guns as a hobby, not one easy for criminals to undertake.

The ban on undetectable firearms is redundant of Federal law and unnecessary.

The ban on covert firearms penalizes possession permitted by Federal law.

The bill requires impractical marking of legal lower receivers or frames. Owners do not possess the equipment to stamp or etch serial numbers and other identification on legal weapons they already own.

In the broadest sense, this flawed bill would make many legal firearms owner criminals, for doing nothing that was illegal at the time they purchased their property, and who simply fail to mark items they already own.

I am available to answer any questions which you may have. Please feel free to contact me, Steven Randol, 410-695-2183, or stevenrandol9@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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