

Senators of the Maryland General Assembly,

I strongly urge an unfavorable report for HB1291 - Untraceable Firearms. I am a family man, an Eagle Scout, and a long-term tax-paying citizen of Maryland. I will not comply with this bill regardless of whether it is passed; are you ok sending innocent men like myself to jail?

Many gun owners have already invested thousands of dollars into the homemade firearms industry; you are attempting a blanket ban that flies in the face of reality. This bill ignores the fact that some firearms may take hundreds, if not thousands of hours of dedicated craftsmanship. It ignores the fact that many of the enthusiasts already have a solid collection; if I own 100 serialized store-bought firearms, and you arrest me for having 1 that I made without an approved serial number, what did you even accomplish?

I urge you to vote unfavorably on this bill as you will be making felons out of many innocent Maryland citizens.

Thank you,

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