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SB0329 Election Law - Polling Sites - Firearms Prohibitions

Unfavorable

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I am a student, Eagle Scout, family man, as well as a Civil Rights Enthusiast. I have voted independently, I am currently registered as a Libertarian, and I have a diverse set of views (some left, some right). These include but are not limited to: equality, limiting abuse of police power, protection of minority groups (such as my direct LGBT family) and decriminalization of victimless crimes (drug possession, gun possession, exercising civil rights, etc.).

As a Maryland gunowner I am frequently subjected to new and deceptive forms of gun control, including in this case restrictions on carrying a firearm. This bill is a solution to a non-existent problem. The fact that it targets all forms of carry with a blanket catch-all ban, suggests the intent of this bill is to punish gunowners; otherwise, if the premise of this bill was to prevent, say, voter-intimidation, why would it punish gunowners who would otherwise be legally carrying a firearm in a **concealed** manner? How could a voter claim they were intimidated by a firearm they didn't see? Making different conditions for LEO's and individuals is also a predictable, classist move to disempower citizens in favor of government agents. The bill laughably claims to be an "EMERGENCY BILL" yet it's just a rehash of last year's failed bill, SB10. For these reasons I urge an unfavorable report of Senate Bill 329.



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