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While I am providing testimony on my own behalf, I am the president of Onyx Sharpshooters, the Prince George's County chapter of the National African American Gun Association (NAAGA). I am also the State Director for Maryland and Washington, DC for said national organization.

First and foremost, this bill is unconstitutional. It goes completely against the spirit and intended practice of the 2nd Amendment.

This bill seeks to prohibit 18 – 21 year olds from buying rifles and ammunition for rifles, but doesn't consider that these same 18 – 21 year olds may join the military, learn to fight, shoot, kill and die for the country using much more powerful rifles and ammunition. But the state wants to prevent them from shooting at targets and hunting.

Some of these 18 – 21 year olds have been shooting before they were teens. The state allegedly wants to make sure that they do not use these firearms for nefarious reasons. This despite that we don't even have this age group involved in mass shootings at all in Maryland.

Lawmakers were elected to make laws and govern based upon the facts, not feelings or emotions. While you are free to act upon feelings and emotions in your own personal lives, these feelings and emotions **should not** determine how you view the facts of this situation.