

Good (morning or afternoon depends on time). Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Kierstyn Rader. I am representing myself but I am a member and officer with The Howard County 4-H Bullseye Club. The bullseye club teaches archery, shotgun, and rifle.

When I was younger, I was extremely committed to competitive swimming. My dream and goal was to be an Olympic swimmer. Unfortunately, a few years ago,

my health forced me to stop swimming competitively. My health issues also prevent me from playing any other physical sport. I'm sure there are other children with similar health issues. I was devastated. My parents and I tried to find a sport I could do. Thankfully, we found the Howard County 4-H Bullseye Club and I found a new passion. My aspirations now are to shoot in the Maryland state rifle match and join a college rifle team. I would like to compete on a college rifle team, but this legislation

makes it a felony to bring a rifle home without my parent's written permission as well as I must have someone over the age of 21 with me. These laws could end youth shooting sports in Maryland. For me, taking away shooting sports is like taking a fish out of water.

I joined the Bullseye Club 4 years ago. I have learned and practiced gun safety, restraint, respect, discipline, focus, and teamwork. My coaches are helpful,

responsible and committed to safety. The bills being voted on will most likely stop my shooting club as well as others in Maryland. I ask that you please consider me and Maryland youth shooting clubs and rework the current bills. I have already lost the ability to swim competitively, and I do not want to lose competitive marksmanship. I feel like these bills will be punishing me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.