

SB0086 RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS - POSSESSION- AGE REQUIREMENT

My name is William Turner. I live in Cambridge, MD. I am opposed to this bill because this will do nothing to deter crime or gun violence.

I am the father of four. Two of my sons are grown but they both hunted on our property without my direct supervision before there 21st birthdays. I have a 16 year old son and a 14 year old daughter who hunt and will be effected by this bill. They all passed hunters education around 8-10 years old. They all have spent many hours with me at the range and in the field hunting before they hunted solo. I too began hunting at an early age, as well as, many other in the state.

Also, I find it insulting as a veteran who served and carried a weapon at 18 years old to now tell the young men and women of Maryland that you can risk your life and carry a weapon to serve this country but can't purchase a weapon for your own use until you are 21 years old.