

My name is Justin from the 6th District. By raising this age you are denying an entire bracket of the adult population access to their rights. These people are allowed to do all sorts of things from driving cars to buying lottery tickets and even serving in the military, yet they are held under suspicion by the state of Maryland to prevent an act which has yet to occur in this state. This law would destroy many collegiate sports as well as the independence of 18-20 year olds who are living on their own seeking to provide for and protect themselves and others. This law would make Maryland an outlier in the country, and not for a good reason.

Ultimately this law is not worth the many tens of thousands it would negatively impact. The crime statistics simply do not support such legislation regardless of any one-off instances made popular by the news. Long gun deaths are a seldom occurrence in this state and 18-20 year olds are not any more prone to acts of violence than any other demographic. If some sort of tragedy were to be caused by the hands of a 21 year old, this entire law would fall flat on its face for the absolute damage it caused while providing no benefit at all to public safety. Would Maryland then continue to raise the age until they reached an acceptable limit? I highly doubt it, so let's not start down that road.