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January 30, 2023

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0086 Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirements (Raise the Age Act of 2023)
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously opposes SB 0086 Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirements (Raise the Age Act of 2023). The hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 7, 2023.

It is our understanding that this legislation is altering the prohibition on selling, renting, or transferring certain ammunition to a person under the age of 21 years; and prohibiting a person who is under the age of 21 years from possession of a rifle or shotgun except under certain circumstances.

Cecil County strongly opposes any bill that removes the right for any adult to own or purchase ammunition for any legally owned rifle or shotgun. The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution expressly grants this right to all citizens of the United States and any legislation that impinges upon this right and attempts to criminalize our law-abiding citizenry needs to be defeated.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send an unfavorable report on SB 0086.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council