

Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Testimony in Opposition of SB86

Members of the Committee,

I am a 22-year-old resident of Baltimore City urging your opposition to this bill for the following reasons.

I see this bill in a personal way due to my own situation as a 20-year-old in Baltimore City 2 years ago. I purchased a rifle for home defense after a neighbor in my apartment complex had his home invaded at 3 am, resulting in him being murdered. I felt the need to have the means to protect myself in my home and had the ability to purchase a rifle.

I had gotten previously gotten firearm safety training and went to get my background check completed at a gun store. My background check came back clean as I had no criminal record. I bought my rifle and then had it for home defense.

Despite age, everyone should have the ability to defend themselves. And with the large need of self-defense in Baltimore city due to high rates of violence, people will find a way regardless. Having the lawful means of gun ownership for self-defense for 18-to-20-year old's is important because when left in desperation, people may go the route of illegally buying guns for protection. This bill may result in disproportionately high rates of incarceration of 18-to-20-year old's who are seeking to defend themselves and their families. Legal means of firearm ownership for self-defense for the 18 to 20 year old population must remain intact.

Due to these reasons, I urge your opposition to this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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