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SB086 Written testimony.

First and foremost, I am a father of three daughters under 21. The **right** to self-defense should not be moved to 21. I can see my daughter eventually living on their own and needing the ability to protect themselves. I would argue that the age for purchasing regulated firearms should be moved down to 18 for that very reason.

Time and again the Maryland government and police departments have proven that they either cannot or will not protect us. Why are you taking the **right** of self-defense away from my daughters? Do you want them to be raped, robbed, beaten, kidnapped, or murdered? Why can't you see that criminals do not fear you and that they feared and armed populace?

Senator Waldstreicher seems to not care about that. The majority of the firearms used in crimes are stolen. Defensive use of firearms is quite common. Defensive use of firearms does not always mean that someone was shot, or killed. The mere presence of a firearms can deter an attacker. You should know this.

This bill not only threatens the **right** of my daughters to defend themselves, but it also deters them from engaging in shooting sports. My girls are just now getting into skeet shooting, my wife joined Well-Armed women, and she looks forward to taking them on outings.

This brings up two other points: young mothers, and military members. Maryland has plenty of military members, their spouses, and children living in the state. There are plenty of moms that are under 21 as well. Why are you denying them their **right** to defend themselves, defend others, and engage in their sport and hobbies as they see fit?

This is yet another attempt to criminalize lawful citizens that want to freely engage in constitutionally protected activity. Please vote against this bill, or rescind it.