

335 Silky Oak Ct  
Linthicum Hts, MD 21090  
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Re: Opposition to House Bill 481 (Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting a Handgun – Penalty)

To: Delegates Conaway, Addison, Attar, D. Barnes, Boyce, Bridges, Edelson, Embry, Mangione, and Young

As a US military veteran and Maryland State resident, I **oppose** House Bill 481 (Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting a Handgun – Penalty).

Today, Maryland concealed carry firearm permit holder have invested time and money to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit. They are generally the ones who are concerned about abiding by the laws. They have participated in obtaining a background investigation, fingerprint search, and firearms training.

The Concealed Carry Permit holders are ones who wouldn't willingly be violating the law. Increasing the term of imprisonment by two years (from three to five) wouldn't further deter the already abiding permit holder.

I request the Committee take no further action and abandon House Bill 481.

Sincerely,

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