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To: Maryland State Ways & Means Committee

Re: HB0935/SB0784: Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act/11% Excise Tax

To wit: Request an UNFAVORABLE report

Senators & Delegates:

I am requesting an UNFAVORABLE report on HB0935/SB0784. This bill would unfairly, inequitably & discriminately impose an 11% excise tax on a specific industry simply because of the industry & the industry's proponents.

Legal gun owners, Retail gun shops & FFLs are legitimate, legal businesses in Maryland & in our country. Businesses cannot & must not be subjected to the likes or dislikes of the elected & appointed bureaucrats' preferences or viewpoints of such businesses. Legal gun owners & retail gun shops are NOT the cause of violent crimes committed by violent people who illegally use firearms.

Prosecute the criminals & stop prosecuting legal gun owners for crimes they don't commit.

Fervently,

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