

## SB 0784 Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act

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I am State Director of The DC Project-Women for Gun Rights and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both groups, numbering many more than just myself. I am also a professional Multi-disciplined Firearms Instructor and Maryland QHIC.

As I read this bill, I see a tax on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Right. You cannot tax a right to every citizen. Even more important you are asking your law abiding citizens to pay for the illegal activities of others, and of citizens of the state to pay for medical services at 2 trauma centers, and for a task force that will certainly not accomplish what it is set out to do.

The Federal Firearms Dealers will have to add the increase in tax to every sale, that is a pole tax on our right to keep and bear arms. It will surly send firearms sales and ammunition sales over to Virginia and Pennsylvania and West Virginia where the items will not be taxed. It will not help the State gain income to fund its Task force or assist the Shock trauma centers, by and large it will reduce the amount purchased in the state. Maybe that is what your real intent is?

Taxing the law abiding will not stop or reduce them from be law abiding. Criminals will not care that you changed any law – because they do not follow the law. They will continue to do what they do not matter what task force you appoint. Please do not waste taxpayer money on this task force.

With Maryland no longer being able to budget our funds you think taxing our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment will pay for your short falls, I must disagree, and ask for an unfavorable report on this bill.