

21 July, 2022

Mr. Gabe Albornoz
President, Montgomery County Council

Regarding Bill 21-22 to remove the exemption from [Montgomery County Code § 57.11](#) for holders of Maryland Wear and Carry Permit from within 100 yards of "Place of Public Assembly.

Dear Mr. Albornoz,

I write to oppose Bill 21-22. This new bill would remove the existing exception for permit carry that has long existed in Montgomery County code, and is a clear violation of the Supreme Court's decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* as it would ban carry by a permit holder virtually everywhere including stores and businesses throughout Montgomery County. Carry permits will be useless in Montgomery County if this bill is enacted and allowed to stand.

I am a resident of Anne Arundel County; however, I frequent Montgomery County to access the wonderful care at a Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute in Bethesda. Unfortunately, I suffer from glaucoma, which has been difficult to control. While I am not allowed to carry within hospitals and medical clinics, Bill 21-22 would not allow me even to carry within the county in order to access quality health care. Why are you afraid of a law-abiding citizen, like me, who may find it necessary to find health care elsewhere should this law be passed?

Please do not vote for Bill 21-22.

Sincerely,
Cathy S. Wright