

My name is Galen Muhammad and I am the State Director of Maryland and Washington, DC for the National African American Gun Association or NAAGA. I am also the chapter president for the NAAGA chapter in Prince George's County – Onyx Sharpshooters.

I am **vehemently** opposed to this bill as I often travel through Montgomery County as a law-abiding citizen who is a concealed carry licensee. While I don't live in Montgomery County, the members of my gun club, others who are also concealed carry licensees and those who seek said license will be barred from conducting business or just traveling from Point A to Point B within Montgomery County.

As a certified firearms instructor, I also plan to visit my Montgomery County chapter and their events within the county and train residents of Montgomery County at locations in Montgomery County and I do travel with my concealed carry firearms.

This bill gives absolutely no consideration, nor does it mention the fact that those with the Wear & Carry license are **already prohibited** from many areas, including sporting events, federal, state, county and city buildings, public transportation, public schools, colleges and universities, banks, retail establishment with clearly posted signage, post offices **AND** their parking lots, etc. These are the proverbial "**bricks**" around which we, law-abiding citizens, who **legally** concealed carry legally navigate. This *vague* bill being proposed seeks to be the "**mortar**" to fill in the gaps and add additional and unnecessary areas, creating and manufacturing a problem where there isn't one.

This bill also overlooks the mandatory firearms training that each licensee must attend to be qualified to receive the Wear & Carry license. During this training, we are taught that Maryland is **NOT** a Castle Doctrine state and that we have a duty to retreat, if possible.

I ask that this bill be given an unfavorable report.