

My name is James P. Tully. I am 55 years old and have been a Montgomery County Resident my Entire life. I have served in the Military, and for the past 22 years I have been a Uniformed Diplomatic Security Officer at the U.S. Department of State. I have been sworn in, as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, and have received training in Active Shooter Response. I am well acquainted with Gun Valence, and come to the conclusion that additional legislation does nothing to address criminal activity.

As a Maryland Ware and Carry Permit Holder, which I have had since 1995. I have strong Objections to Bill 21-22. By not allowing a permit holder to come within 100 yards of any place of public Assembly. This proposed bill will Make it impossible to travel any ware in Montgomery County with out being in violation of the law. An illegal weapons charge would result in criminal charges and having my Maryland Gun Permit revoked. These two actions would have an adverse effect on my current employment. Bill 21-20 will not allow me to travel in my car, or by foot, in my own neighborhood without passing within 100 yards of a school or state park. I would not even be able to stand in my own back yard because my property is within 100 yards of a Montgomery County Park.

In addition, I object to definition of public venues, to including privately own property. This is an example of extreme Government over reach. To Include Houses of worship is pure insanity. Multiple churches in this country have been the targets of active shooters. The reason being is that it is a soft target. The Active Shooters only has one mission, that is to kill as many people as they can. Not allowing people to defend themselves in their house of worship only would help facilitate another tragedy. It is foolish to believe our local police departments can do any thing to prevent this sort of gun violence. Police resources are extreamly limited. The school Resource Officer was Removed from McGruder High School a few weeks before that school shooting. If I am not Mistaken, I believe a budget cut was cited as the reason. It is a tragedy that Montgomery County government took absolutely no responsibility for their lack of insight. The School Resource Officer would not have been in the school in the first place if there was not a clear and present known danger.

As a current Maryland Gun Permit Holder, I can say there is absolutely nothing wrong with the current restrictions that have been in place for many years. Most of the civilian gun violence does not involve permitholders anyway. This proposed Bill dose noting to stop Gun Violence and would only help facilitate more violence by preventing law abiding citizens from defending themselves. There is so much to say on this topic more to say on this topic. Brevity is of the utmost importance and I believe I made my point. In conclusion there is no reason this bill 21-22 be made into law.

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