

Hello,

I'm writing regarding Bill 21-22. I understand this bill removes the exemption for holders of Maryland's Wear and Carry permit. This would make it illegal for permit holders to be within 100 yards of "Place of Public Assembly", which equates to everywhere in the county.

According to Data.montgomerycounty.md, from 6/1/2022 to 7/15/2022 there were over 4,800 founded crimes in Montgomery County. This equates to 106 crimes per day in the 45 day period. A quick internet search proves these are not legal permit holders committing these crimes. Bill 21-22 would leave me unable to protect myself from assault, burglary, theft, robbery and all such crimes were reported within the county. Why can a criminal have a weapon to commit these crimes but I, being a law abiding American citizen, cannot have one to protect myself from such crimes?

The Supreme Court upheld our right to defend ourselves outside our homes in the recent ruling of Bruen. Why are you attempting to subvert the Supreme Court and the constitution?

I have lived in WV, OH, PA and CO over my life. Maryland is the first place I have lived that I am afraid to be out of my home for an extended time. I am a law abiding citizen and I've completed all the necessary training and requirements in Maryland for a Wear and Carry permit. Carrying a weapon for protection is an overwhelming responsibility for the permit holder. Criminals have no requirements to meet and feel no such responsibility. It is reprehensible that a criminal is more protected than I am.

Bill 21-22 impacts my travel as I live in an adjoining county. I will no longer be able to see my physicians or patronize restaurants and shops in the county. I hope the officials of Montgomery County use statistics and facts and support their law abiding citizens.

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