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**Why I Oppose Bill 21-22 (and you should too)**

**I oppose Bill 21-22 for many reasons. The being that it doesn't just turn a right into a privilege, it completely removes this constitutional right from the people. For example even with a Maryland wear and carry permit, I would be unable to leave my place of residence with a legally owned firearm, 100 yards from the ground of a place of public assembly would extend into the street. There is a library, a church and a bank a few blocks from my house on the main road. Which means I'd have to break the law to exercise my RIGHT to carry even if was not intending to carry in Montgomery county.**

**Another reason I oppose this bill, as we have seen time and time again the police fail to act and to defend civilians, the Uvalde shooting is a prime example of law enforcements inability, unwillingness and cowardice to act in the event of a mass shooting or violent encounter. There's also an old saying which comes to mind in these cases "when seconds count, cops are minutes away". Throughout the years and as recently July 17, 2022 we saw a law abiding citizen, good guy with a gun, stop a cold hearted criminal, bad guy with a gun, in 15 seconds. 15 seconds and the horrendous atrocity was ended. 15 seconds. The officers at Uvalde waited 1 hour and 15 minutes. 1 hour and 15 minutes compared to 15 seconds. This shouldn't even need to be discussed. The answer is clear the people deserve to maintain their RIGHT to carry in public.**

**This bill will turn law abiding citizens who would like to exercise their right to carry a firearm, legally with a permit, for defense into criminals, while criminals would still be criminals who don't care about our laws and will still carry because they are criminals. This bill is bad legislation that will only effect lawful gun owners.**

**Thank you for your time, even if you don't actually care what the people think and only give us this opportunity to make us feel as if our opinions actually matter to you. We'll see you in court if this passes. Have a nice day.**