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### **Bill 2022-14 Weapons and Firearms Prohibited on County-Owned or Operated Property**

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The proposed ordinance to ban firearms within 100 yards of county property does nothing to promote public safety, and is obviously designed to simply discourage lawful carrying of firearms. First, the designation of "100 yards of a building owned or operated by Charles County Government" makes it impossible for anyone to know if they are in violation at any given time. It would be one thing to exclude firearms from the actual property, but the way this bill is written is designed to put law abiding citizens in peril of arrest and prosecution just by traveling in the county. Since Maryland does not recognize concealed carry permits from any other state, anyone who wishes to legally carry a firearm in the state must apply and be vetted by Maryland State Police, who will issue a permit only if the applicant meets the qualifications in state and federal law. With this bill, the Board of Supervisors has decided that a citizen who follows the rules isn't worthy of possessing a firearm within a football field's length of any government building. The Board has also indicated that they are above having to follow the rules, having already exempted themselves from this proposed ordinance. With this exemption, the Board of Supervisors has implied that they themselves are qualified to carry a firearm in and within 100 yards of a county building, but regular citizens are not.

While I realize the 100 yard perimeter is allowed under Maryland law, it is an unnecessary overreach in this case. If imposing any restriction is absolutely necessary, prohibiting firearms within county buildings is more realistic and unlikely to cost the county money to defend in court.

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Thank you,

**Charles County, MD**

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