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

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#### **Public Hearing Comment Form**

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##### **Are you:**

Against Topic

##### **Comment**

Your position is understood by me, the safety of county employees and citizens. However, I feel your taking a knee jerk reaction to prohibit persons licensed to Wear & Carry a weapon in or near all government property or buildings. I ask that you limit the ban to inside county buildings only, which are occupied by county employees or residents or other individuals. The fact of the matter is simply that the segment of the population least likely to commit a crime are the citizens licensed to carry a weapon. The institutions that track crime statistics on crime committed with a firearms have data on this. If you take the time to research the data you will learn the folks licensed to carry (all across the country including Maryland) are in fact the most law abiding of all our citizens and the least likely to commit any crime let alone one involving a gun of any kind. I have observed that government's typical approach to gun safety laws rarely result in accomplishing a reduction in gun crime. Rather the vast majority of gun laws only impact the law abiding citizen. The simple fact is the criminal has no respect for our laws and will do as he/she dam well pleases in spite of any legislation. On this matter I beg you to pass legislation that will impact the criminal mostly while having the least erosion on the rights of the of the law abiding citizens licensed to carry a weapon. I

agree that occupied government buildings are no place for guns other than law enforcement personnel. Seems to me there needs to be language excusing those licensed to carry a weapon from being prosecuted simply because they drove past a government property. Please also consider Maryland has reciprocity with certain other states allowing their licensed citizens to carry a weapon in Maryland. I doubt few if anyone outside of Charles county are aware of this proposed law, let alone citizens from other states. Thanks for reading my comments.

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Thank you,

**Charles County, MD**

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